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++ BAPTIST LEADERS STATE AIMS FOR 1943 ++



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LOOKING TO 1943

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before . . ." Philippians 3:13.

God has been good to us as individuals and collectively this year of 1942. Psalm 103:1, 2.

What of 1943 for Mississippi Baptists?

First, we have all the evangelistic opportunity any Christian heart might crave. We have over 700,000 lost within our State. We have in prospect a superb soul winning crusade. Multitudes should be won to Christ in 1943.

Second, we should pay our Mississippi and Southern Baptist debts. Our Lord's money should flow to His institutions and His work rather than into interest.

Third, the Blue Mountain Endowment should be raised by the full \$200,000 amount.

Fourth, Mississippi College should be set forward in the way suggested by President Nelson in his Convention report.

Fifth, all Woman's College and Clarke College past due and due accounts should be cleared.

Sixth, great advances should be made in every phase of His work!

Seventh, we should build a great Christian fellowship that no power of Satan can break.

Eighth, Mississippi Baptists should put ONE MILLION dollars on the altar for Christ's service, and do it during 1943. You put one-twelfth there during November. Eleven months of the Convention year remain.

Ninth, we should give thanks unto the Lord!

Psalm 105, 107, and 18!

"Take up thy cross," the Saviour said,
"Come and My disciple be;
Take up thy cross, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after Me."

"Follow, follow,
Follow every day,
Follow all the way;
Follow, follow,
Follow the living Christ."

1943 SUNDAY SCHOOL GOALS

E. C. Williams, Secretary

At the beginning of 1942 we set up some goals for the year. As we came to the end of the year and checked up on these, we found that on some we had fallen short but on others we had gone even beyond the goal set.

As we come now to the beginning of 1943, we are herewith giving our goals for the year on a number of vital items of our work. It does not mean that these goals represent all we would like to see done—far from it—but they are goals that are both worthy and at the same time attainable. In this spirit we give the following:

Standard Departments	35
Standard Classes	150
Standard Schools	60
Churches having Training Schools	400
Associations having Training	70
Number Training Awards	7,000
Vacation Bible Schools	250
New Sunday Schools	75
New Cradle Rolls	60
New Extension Departments	75
New Libraries	50
Increase in Sunday school enrollment	---

1943 BAPTIST RECORD AIMS

A. L. Goodrich, Editor

Secretary McCall thinks that The Baptist Record editor should join the other department heads and set forth his aims for 1943. We are glad to have a seat with these leaders who have been so helpful and sympathetic during 1942, our freshman editorial year.

For 1943 we hope to accomplish several things that we believe will make The Baptist Record even more helpful in 1943 than during 1942.

First, our circulation goal for 1943 is 33,000. That is an increase of approximately 4,000 for the year. This is the same increase that The Record had in 1942. Surely 33,000 is not an unreasonable nor an unattainable goal. And it is not a selfish goal. As more people read The Record, more people become interested in our Mississippi Baptist program. During the past nine years, as the circulation of The

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W.M.U. AIMS FOR 1943

Miss Fannie Traylor, Executive Secretary

One year ago we were facing the year 1942, now we are witnessing the last of its 365 days. As we look back over the happenings we can truthfully say it has been the most unusual we have ever experienced. Each day with its burdens and responsibilities has sent us to our closets to enquire of the Lord as to His message for us. Each time He has sent us on our way with peace in our hearts and the assurance that He rules the world and is working His purpose out in this world-conflict. We thank Him for the cooperation and loyalty of every woman that has made this the greatest year, in many ways, we have ever had.

Now amidst difficulties and handicaps, we look forward into the New Year with courage and faith in His promises, determined to use the days that are ours, to witness in today's world. Our Monthly Missionary Topics Theme for 1943 is "The Christian Witness in Today's World," and the Watchword is "That all the kingdoms of the earth may know

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1943 B.T.U. ACTIVITIES AND GOALS

Auber J. Wilds, Secretary

B-baptised Believers.

T-trained for Service.

U-nderwrite the Program.

And the program—Acts 1:8b, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Another good motto for the Training Union is: A-ll Baptized Believers T-trained and U-tilized. It isn't enough just to baptize and train, the using of members is after all the important thing. Local missionary opportunities are the richest fields for the masses, so pastors and other leaders do well in discovering these fields and organizing the work that these soldiers of the Cross may find spiritual employment. Soldiers in the rank, though highly trained, are directed by leaders who are especially trained.

Our Calendar of Activities for the year is as follows:

January, February, March—Evangelistic Crusade
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BAPTIST RECORD CIRCULATION THIS WEEK 29,782

Sparks and Splinters

The group meetings of the Sunflower Training Union Association met with Bethel and Fairview churches, December 6. Six churches were represented, with a total of 28 present. Rev. N. G. Hickman of Indianola, and Rev. B. D. Hardin, of Sunflower, were the principal speakers. The theme carried out for the meetings was "Stewardship."—Secretary.

Notice: Those desiring a Convention Annual may secure one by writing Dr. D. A. McCall, Baptist Building, Jackson, Miss.—Walton E. Lee, secretary.

A Negro Baptist Church in Warren county desires some used pews. Any person knowing where such pews may be secured, please communicate with Dr. D. Swan Haworth, Vicksburg, Mississippi, pastor, First Baptist Church.

Attention, members of the Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church, of Decatur, Mississippi: The Every Family Plan has been placed in our church budget and each family will now receive The Record each week. It is hoped that you will read it carefully and prayerfully. You can show your gratitude for this by being faithful in your attendance and support of your church program.—C. B. Hamlett, III, pastor.

Seventy-seven were enrolled in the Training School held last week in the Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. Auber J. Wilds taught the adults; Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds taught the Young People; Mrs. Taylor Howard of Water Valley taught the Intermediates; Mrs. Greenoe of Vicksburg taught the Juniors. A second adult union was set up as a result of this week of training.—C. B. Hamlett, III, pastor.

Dr. S. G. Posey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, recently did the preaching in a meeting in the First Baptist Church in Long Beach, Miss., where his father, Dr. L. D. Posey, is pastor. There were fourteen additions. The singing in the meeting was led by J. Virgil Posey, of Jackson, Miss., another son of the Long Beach pastor.

A report just issued by the North Carolina Council of Churches described the "phenomenal progress" that has been made in the introduction of Bible courses in the public schools of North Carolina during the past year and a half. Elective courses in Bible, the council reports, now are being offered in more than 70 communities in the state and reach more than 19,500 students each week. This number is more than double that of a year and a half ago. "North Carolina is the first state in the union to include the certification of Bible teachers in its professional program," the council states. "This not only adds dignity to the work in the eyes of the community, but insures high teaching standards."

Earlier starting of Sunday bus service on many lines to permit people to get to church on time has been promised by Benjamin Weintraub, president of the Chicago Motor Coach Co., as the result of protests from the Chicago Church Federation and numerous members of the clergy.

Lula Gipson said this when she sent in the list for Clear Creek at Puckett: "The church voted in conference today to take \$1.00 a week from the Sunday school collection and send the paper to twelve members who are not subscribers."

A member of Forest church writes: We are going along well in our church with such a fine leader. Brother Walker is great. He and his family are loved by all of our people.

Sending us a Christmas card, Rev. L. E. McGowen, formerly pastor at Moorhead, and now Naval chaplain, writes: "Am reporting to the West Coast for active duty with a Naval construction battalion in a few days. Am enjoying the chaplaincy. Wish more Baptist men would enter. Am enjoying the Record and hope it will continue to reach me. Will keep you posted as to where to send it."

Some things are going to be colder around Clarke College. Judge Jeff Kent of Forest has just bought and delivered to Clarke College a large electric refrigerator.

Dr. T. C. Crume has recently closed a good meeting with the First Baptist Church at Hazard, Ky. There were 80 additions.

RULEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH PAYS OFF ITS BUILDING DEBT

The Ruleville Baptist Church paid the debt upon its building three years ahead of schedule this fall. For fifteen years this debt has been a burden upon its membership and now all are rejoicing that it is paid in full.

When the committee reported the money in hand Sunday morning, Dec. 13, the congregation celebrated the occasion by making a special offering to clear up some future obligations for insurance, fuel, etc. So generous was the response that these obligations were oversubscribed and money left over to add to the growing fund for new church pews.

The dedication service was held Sunday morning, Dec. 27. Our friends were invited to rejoice with us on that day.

The pastor, Nat Tracy, left Dec. 28 to become a chaplain in the army. The church has extended him a leave of absence and plans to carry on the services without a break.—Reporter.

—BR—

Rev. B. E. Phillips of New Hebron will assist Pastor D. O. Horne at Carmel church, in Lawrence county, in their revival during the Statewide Evangelistic Crusade.

On Monday, December 14, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Miss., entertained the Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference at a luncheon. He also invited the pastors' wives. The highlights of the program were: A delightful luncheon; music by Henry Love; "The Pastor's Heart," by Dr. W. A. Hewitt, and "The Pastor's Wife," by Mrs. L. W. Ferrell.

Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church, recently led in a stewardship revival at Hollandale. Sixty-five signed the tithing pledge and the number is expected to reach one hundred by January 1.

Swiftwater church, Greenville: We all enjoy The Record, which we have been enjoying ever since we were but a mission.—Mrs. J. V. Benge.

Mrs. J. W. Wright of Winona sends us a complimentary subscription for Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins on their golden wedding anniversary. She also states, "I have read The Record since a child and expect to as long as I live. I am now 73."

"More Objects That Talk and Teach" by Louis M. Talbot and published by Zondervan Publishing House is a book with ideas for object sermons. Among the many objects discussed are mirrors, keys, pencils, radios, corn, owls and sugar. The price is fifty cents.

"The Imperial Christ" is a book of twelve sermons by Dr. Selsus E. Tull, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Helena, Arkansas. All of them are good ones. The price is \$1.50, and the book may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary which sells for one dollar has 22 features, according to the publisher. Some of the features that appeal to us are: The lesson outline; the Scripture exposition; the object lesson; the illustrations and the suggestions for teachers. The book is published by Higley Press, Butler, Ind.

Dr. Austin Crouch reports that the receipts of the executive committee for this year up to November 30 as \$2,834,648.12. The December receipts will doubtless push the total beyond the \$3,000,000 mark, the largest amount since the early days of the 75 Million Campaign twenty odd years ago.

Secretary Charles E. Maddy of the Foreign Mission Board has announced that his Board, which had a debt of \$1,100,000 ten years ago when he began his administration, now has a debt of only \$35,000 and this will all be paid according to schedule by May 1, 1943. Also Dr. J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board, which had a debt of over \$2,000,000, announced that his Board would be out of debt by July 1, 1943. Of course, as soon as these two debts are liquidated, the funds hitherto allocated from the Hundred Thousand Club to them will be distributed according to debt needs to the other agencies.

Rev. John Wade Landrum has been called by the Lyndon Baptist Church, Lyndon, Ky., for full time. John Wade is a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a son of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Landrum of Clinton.

"Angels," by Rev. A. D. Muse, is a pamphlet containing a sermon by the subject, which/he has preached to large audiences on Sunday afternoons. Brother Muse gives the various facts about angels as taught in the Scripture. The book may be ordered from the author at 2166 Elzey street, Memphis, Tenn.

The January issue of The Baptist Student contains an interesting, helpful article on Southern Culture, by Dr. Susan B. Riley. Dr. Riley is associate professor of English at Peabody College. Her Mississippi friends will remember her as the daughter of the late Dr. George W. Riley. Her mother now resides at Clinton.

Under the leadership of Pastor M. V. McKinstler, Crowder church has adopted a worthwhile budget for 1943. The budget is as follows: Pastor's salary \$1200, house rent \$125, Sunday school \$100, Baptist Training Union \$45, janitor \$120, associational missionary \$50, lights and fuel \$30, state Baptist paper \$30, association minutes and expenses \$8, maintenance of building and equipment \$10, missions through the Cooperative Program \$331.60; or a total of \$2049.60.

Mrs. Burch Cupit recently sent us nine subscriptions from Piedmont church in Union Association.

Friendship, Lincoln county: We had a special program December 20, with children's recitations and the pageant, "Gifts of God." Then there was a Christmas tree with Santa Claus to present the gifts. Pastor Lewis Curtis received the most valuable of the gifts, a package containing personal gifts amounting to about \$60. Church and pastor have recently entered into the Ministers' Retirement Plan.—Bernice Posey.

Among the club subscriptions recently received was a club of five from Union church near Tylertown. These were sent in by Mrs. Chance Harvey.

Experienced, well trained expression teacher wants good location for class. Write No. 43, in care of The Baptist Record.

Rev. Donald B. Jones, a junior in Mississippi College, has accepted the call of New Ireland Baptist Church, four miles west of Union. He will serve them half time, each second and fourth Sunday.

We recently received renewal subscriptions from Quentin church. Quentin has the 50% plan and these renewals were sent in by their pastor, Rev. S. A. Wilkinson.

We have received three nice lists of subscribers that did not give the name of the church. Mrs. Frank Hays, R. 1, Hazlehurst, sent us 33 subscriptions. E. E. Turner, R. 1, Ackerman, sent us seven subscriptions, and Mrs. Bessie McKinnon, Coldwater, sent us six renewal subscriptions.

The Paynes church building has been completed and furnished. The building and furnishings are paid for and we hope to go forward in a great way under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. O. B. Beverly. We are planning to dedicate our church on January 3, 1943, and cordially invite all former pastors, members and friends to be with us.—H. E. Shook, treasurer.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: First Lieutenant Johnnie Neely, Mineral Wells, Texas; Rev. B. E. Padgett, Clinton; Rev. Guy A. Little, Pinola; Rev. C. A. Molpus, Belzoni; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; Rev. C. L. McKay, Flora; Rev. H. H. Ward, West; C. L. Stein, Star.

Prentiss: November was a red-letter month in our church. The attendance was unusually good, the spirit tops, and the offering real good. The total amount of the offering was \$1,300.00. More than \$600.00 went to causes outside the local church. \$1,123.00 came through the regular services with no emphasis or collections. The remainder was for the Orphanage and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. There have been several additions to the church. God is richly blessing us for which we are deeply grateful. We covet an interest in the prayers of His people.—W. L. Holcomb.

We have a letter from one of our readers that was postmarked Summit. She mentions the fact that she has been reading the Record for 47 years, but there is no named signed to the letter. It is a letter that needs a reply, but we are unable to reply for we do not know to whom to write.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I

THE NEW YEAR 1943

Are you lost? Why not start the New Year with Christ as Saviour? John, chapter 3!

Are you a Christian? Why not rededicate yourself at the start of the year? "Consecrate yourselves now to the Lord." Ex. 32:26, 29.

Why not read His word through during the year 1943? Start NOW!

Why not begin the New Year He gives you by bringing tithes and offerings Sunday by Sunday into the House of the Lord?

Why not resolve to be at the House of the Lord every time the doors open for worship, study, training and service?

Why not determine, under the guidance of His spirit, to lead someone to Christ during 1943? Then, you may be able with this start to keep on until you have led several to Christ. Proverbs 11:30. Daniel 12:3. Ezekiel 33:7-11. John 1:41-42.

Despite all the jokes about New Year's resolutions, this is good "stock taking" time!

God sets us worthy examples in setting New and Good Beginnings!

"And the Lord said . . . This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you." Exodus 12:1-2.

Let us make the first month of 1943 count largely for Christ. Then follow it the same way with the other eleven months!

"Why do you wait, dear brother?
The harvest is passing away;
Your Saviour is longing to bless you
There's danger and death in delay.

"Why not? Why not?
Why not come to Him now?
Why not? Why not?
Why not come to Him now?"

II

Through the years, taking a side track vs. staying on the main track, has been the great danger of God's people.

The work of Jesus consisted of preaching, teaching, and healing. Matthew 4:23. Matthew 9:35. Luke 8:14. Luke 9:11. His work is our work. John 14:12. John 17:18.

Mississippi Baptists have all this, no more and no less, in their church and denominational life. We have all this in our churches, Christian colleges, seminaries, orphanage, hospitals, etc. We work at all that is in Acts 1:8. Let us go forward in it!

We may well afford to stay out of the real estate business and bond investment business, and stay altogether in The King's Business!

"This is the King's command;
That all men everywhere,
Repent and turn away from sin's seductive snare;
That all who will obey, shall reign with Him for aye,
And that's my business for my King."

Let us go on in preaching His gospel, teaching things concerning His Kingdom, and in physical helpfulness!

God Almighty tells us how to support His work financially—tithes and offerings. We may talk man's plan, building up this plan, and that plan, but there is God's plan—Malachi 3:7-15, I Corinthians 9, I Corinthians 16:1-4, II Corinthians, chapters 8-9. Let us go on according to His plan! Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, and all the rest cannot improve His plan!

III

Real Christians haven't "much use" for a deacon

on the local church board who "doesn't practice that he preaches."

Mississippi Baptists haven't "much use" for a member serving on the Convention Board, whether preacher or layman, who "doesn't practice that he preaches."

If we are to help shape plans in the local church, or denomination we should be in the front ranks among those carrying out the plans.

The gratitude of our heart goes out to those great deacons who through the years served faithfully in various pastorates.

The same gratitude is felt as we think of the greatest Convention Board in existence!

IV

In the December 17th, issue of The Baptist Record we gave you a two page 1943 Calendar of Activities. This is purely suggestive. Some will want to lift the pages and put them up in the study, auditorium, class room, or on the bulletin board.

Our God works by plan!

His people work by plan!

V

The "whirle" of the "anti," a species found chiefly in Northeast Mississippi at present, reminds us of a victrola needle that has hung up in one groove. Lift it out of that one, it catches on the next and over and over it repeats the same line. A parrot may do as well.

Their first cry usually is, "I don't believe in a plan, or a program." Of course they do not. They do not know what a plan is in the first place. Then, a plan is a method of action and procedure. That suggests doing something and going on. Progress is unknown among them. God has a plan but they know little about it.

A second cry of the "anti" is, "I do not want any overlordship." We do not believe an honest pastor or layman in Mississippi can be produced who will say we have lifted a little finger in trying to coerce anybody into doing anything. Maybe the "anti" wants to do the overlordship. We know some folks who do not want to recognize the leadership of Jesus!

This third cry is, "The overhead is too high." They do not know what overhead is, nor do they want to know the truth about it. They just want to "bawl and bawl and bawl." It was less than 7% in Mississippi in 1942.

Fourth, they shout "salaries are too high." They do not know what the salaries are. They do not know how to make intelligent comparisons. They do not know that none of us are making any demands in that regard. We are glad to serve.

They remind us of "and they send unto Him certain of the Pharisees and Herodians, to CATCH HIM IN HIS WORDS." Mark 12:13. Pharisees are in the same business today.

God's people continue in His business regardless!

VI

We think that B. S. U. and Brotherhood secretary desired by so many will come yet some of these days. Both fields of service are large and we believe will yield real spiritual dividends.

The Board went \$7,500 beyond undesignated state mission receipts for 1942 in setting up the 1943 budget.

The grand total receipts for State Missions was \$71,068.22. However, \$5,948.48 of this amount was from the Sunday School Board for specific work outside the budget. Another \$6,280.41 in amount was for particular projects as designated by one or two churches. This leaves only \$60,000 of the receipts for budget distribution. Our State Mission budget for 1943 is set at \$67,500.00.

Our fine college students cannot feel they are neglected for over \$100,000 of the total \$493,000 receipts went to pay debts created to give these students some of the advantages they enjoy. In addition is the \$4600.00 B. S. U. item in the 1943 State Mission budget, which compares favorably with most of the other items. We regret it but we cannot offer the Brotherhood a "sop" like that.

VII

We journeyed to extreme Northeast Mississippi to be with the church at Canaan in Benton county. These people are Kingdom folks. They have sent out a preacher or two. At no suggestion of our own they voted to pay the last portion on their Now

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB
A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

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Now Club progress continues—the following new certificates:

No. 3495 for \$36, Ackerman in Choctaw (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 817 for \$100, No. 720 for \$50, Blythe Creek in Choctaw (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2758 for \$36, Columbus East End, in Columbus Association.

No. 837 for \$100, No. 838 for \$100, No. 839 for \$100, No. 840 for \$100, Greenville First in Deer Creek (Hightower and McLaurin, field workers).

No. 125 for \$250, Leland in Deer Creek (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

No. 845 for \$100, Piave in Greene, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 774 for \$50, Bay St. Louis, in Gulf Coast (Hightower, field worker).

No. 59 for \$1000, No. 60 for \$100, No. 61 for \$1000, Calvary in Jackson, Hinds-Warren Association (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2756 for \$36, Jackson, First in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 115 for \$500, No. 116 for \$500, No. 126 for \$250, No. 841 for \$100, Hattiesburg, Main Street, in Lebanon (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2755 for \$36, Prairie in Monroe (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2757 for \$36, Philadelphia in Neshoba.

No. 885 for \$100, Como in Panola (Mrs. W. E. Lee).

No. 58 for \$1000, Moorhead in Sunflower (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 827 for \$100, Sunflower in Sunflower (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 842 for \$100, No. 843 for \$100, No. 844 for \$100, Louisville in Winston (Hightower, field worker).

No. 753 for \$50, Shady Grove in Zion (Hightower, field worker).

Churches Over-the-Top: Blythe Creek in Choctaw; Piave in Greene; Jackson, Calvary; Louisville in Winston.

Mr. H. G. Carpenter, prominent Mississippi Baptist layman and business man, encourages us by saying that he is in this debt paying business with Mississippi Baptists until victory is complete. He backs up his words by sending a check for more than his generous pledge calls for. How thankful we are for laymen of vision, generosity and courage!

When the Now Club figures were printed in The Baptist Record recently, the Fellowship church in Lauderdale county had paid to the Now Club \$13.10 instead of the \$3.85 listed. Through error the \$9.25 had been credited to the Cooperative Program from that church. We are glad to make this correction. The church has made other payments since the above figures were printed. We appreciate this fine cooperation.

The Saltillo Baptist Church has paid a total of \$174 to the Now Club. We regret the amount was recently omitted in listing the Now Club figures. This puts them well on the way toward their goal of \$300.

In the recent issue of The Baptist Record showing Now Club figures, Oak Hill church in Prentiss county should have been credited with \$28.90 Now Club money. We are glad to make this correction.

Club goal.

At Sebastopol the folks filled the house on a very cold day. The house and hearts were warm though. Pastor Roy Lewis leads both these groups in a fine way.

It was good to be with Dr. J. P. Kirkland again and his interested folks at Walnut at night.

Then, we dropped down with Pastor J. B. Parker, Ripley, for some more good fellowship and closed out with two fine contacts with Blue Mountain groups. We regret to lose Pastor J. S. Riser, Jr., from the state.

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So many friends sent Christmas cards that it will be impossible to answer all of them. To all of you we say, "Thank you and God bless you."

Sincerely,

A. L. GOODRICH.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS DAY OF PRAYER

Our President has requested that Jan. 1 be set aside as a nationwide day of prayer. Surely every Christian throughout the land will join our Commander-in-Chief in united prayers to God. Prayer is always in order. Prayer is not only REQUESTED by our Chief but COMMANDED by our Lord. Eddie Rickenbacker in his recent radio broadcast told simply and humbly how he and those with him prayed and their prayers were answered. Frankly, if more of us would pray as humbly as did Rickenbacker the war would end far sooner than now seems likely.

Let us not only join the President in making Jan. 1, 1943, a day of prayer but EVERY day in 1943 and every other year a day of prayer.

WE BELIEVE IN PRAYER.

WE PREFER THE VICTORY TAX TO THE AXIS BONDS

From several sources we have had people ask if the Victory tax does not violate the principle of separation of church and state. We have received resolutions which were passed by a state convention condemning this tax as an invasion of the rule of separation of church and state.

As we understand the law, beginning January 1, a tax of five percent will be levied on all incomes in excess of \$12.00 per week, or \$624.00 per year, such taxes to be withheld at the source by the employer, or employing agency, and remitted to the government.

We are just as jealous as anyone, about our cherished Baptist principles; but in our opinion the Victory tax is not an invasion of the principle of the separation of church and state.

Churches will be expected to withhold and remit to the government the correct amount of tax on the salary of the pastor and any other salaried personnel of the church.

This is a tax on salaries of people. It is not a tax on the church. If a pastor also works during the week at some defense plant, the week day employer will withhold the five percent. The churches are not being taxed. It is the people who are taxed, whether they are employed by a church or a railroad.

If the churches do not collect the tax from their employees, who is to collect it? So far as we recall, no church complains at paying other war-time taxes, such as sales, telephone, telegraph, gasoline etc.

There is a difference between a church tax and a personal tax. The Victory tax is a personal tax, paid by persons and not to be used as in some countries, to support a state church, but to help prosecute the war against the Axis. And remember, if the Axis is successful, they will try to destroy every principle dear to the heart of Baptists.

Compared with taxes which we have paid in the past, the Victory tax is going to be much greater. But until our sacrifices (taxes) equal those of the front line fighting men, we have no right to complain. In addition to the many thousands who are permanently maimed, several thousand have already paid their lives. We are asked to pay in money. They paid in blood and life.

We prefer to pay the tax of a democratic government rather than to wear the bonds of the Axis powers.

As Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Messenger, says:

"We believe that our churches and other denominational organizations can consistently assist the government in collecting or withholding the taxes on individ-

ual employees, without violating any of our cherished principles. As a matter of fact, churches and denominational organizations are already paying taxes to the government in one form or another, largely as emergency war measures. Churches and various denominational institutions and organizations pay state and federal tax, or both, on every long distance telephone call and telegram above a certain amount; on every gallon of gasoline used by such bodies; on railroad and bus tickets charged up to such organizations as legitimate traveling expenses, etc."

Under the head, "Religious Institutions and the Payroll Savings Plan," Dr. Charles L. Shirar, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, La., says in the Baptist Message:

"The churches in America have a special opportunity to dramatize to the world that a free church in a free state can exist and function to the mutuality of both. Our principle of separation of church and state does not preclude cooperation of church and state. It ought to encourage cooperation. A free church in an undemocratic world would be difficult to imagine.

"The religious institutions and churches of America have the greatest opportunity and challenge of their history to cooperate with their government in a payroll savings plans which will make possible all that is for the best interest of church institutions, and at the same time this plan affords a way by which the leaders of American churches can register their influence for the conservation of the most worth-while things in the material realm.

"The churches and religious institutions have exerted a very positive influence in forming the ideals of this grand republic, and this contribution is recognized by most of the un-churched citizens of the nation. On the other hand, the churches and religious institutions of America have been the beneficiaries of a government that delights to protect their rights."

But let our readers not think that there is no objection to the collection of the Victory tax by churches. Many Mississippi Baptists are opposed to it. So are many Southern Baptists. Editor John D. Freeman of the Western Recorder, Louisville, Kentucky, says, "The Victory tax bill must be altered or else we face almost certainly the spectacle of seeing Baptists go to jail in America for their religious beliefs."

BINGO AT CHURCH IS STILL BINGO

From a press dispatch we read:

Bingo Banned From New York—Except in Churches

New York—From now on, churches—and churches only—will be permitted to hold bingo games in any of New York's five boroughs. This was announced by Police Commissioner Valentine in a ruling regarded as an offshoot of Mayor La Guardia's anti-gambling drive.

The police order specified that the churches must hold bingo games only on their own premises.

Officials of fraternal organizations protested the bingo ban, pointing out that proceeds from the game sponsored by them were devoted to charitable purposes. They announced they would start a drive to legalize the game.

Operators of movie theaters professed little concern. Most of the theaters, they said, had already discontinued the games, formerly a popular feature of neighborhood movie shows.

(Editor's Note: Mayor La Guardia has since declared bingo illegal anywhere, saying, "If a game is unlawful, the ultimate disposal of the funds, or the auspices under which the game is operated, or the place where the game is operated, does not make an unlawful game lawful.")

Painting a rotten apple doesn't make it palatable. A bunch of lilies on a corpse doesn't give life. A Bible under the arm of a thief doesn't make him honest nor does the Bible make legal the robbery committed by the thief.

If bingo is wrong elsewhere it is wrong in churches even if the lawmakers declare it legal if under church auspices. Wrong is wrong regardless of location.

Bingo is one of many forms of gambling. Gambling is wrong. No church should promote gambling. The devil will give gambling too much promotion (any is too much).

A church must be poor indeed and its members lacking in love for God's work if it must look to gambling (bingo) for a part of its income.

GAMBLING IS WRONG ANYWHERE.

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

John F. Brantley

The commands to "attention," "forward march," "halt," and many others are ringing in our ears today. Through the noise of the confusion three words come clearly to me—Stop! Look! Listen!

Stop!

How God would have us stop today. We have, even as Christians, been sweeping on with the swirling, hurrying throngs of the world. Merged with the interests of the world have come to be the interests of the church, forgetting that no civilization grows unless it grows with God in spiritual growth. Many times we must be hit hard in order that we stop. Our course too many times is selfish and void of deep thought. A father arises from the side of a bed where a precious little one has just slipped out of this world, saying, "I'm stopped now; I'll turn around—turn toward God and live for Him." In God's providence He is bringing us to a halt. We're stopping now and God will have a chance with many. It seems that only war, more terrible than ever in the history of the world, would cause us to stop. Serious things yet await us until we stop to give God a chance.

Look!

When God's loving providence has caused us to stop, it is then that we are in a position to survey. We look about and ask, "Where are we?" From whence have we come to this plight? As we look back our hearts are warmed by the love and blessings showered on us. We remember the many ways by which God has proved His interest in human kind. As we look back we see the gradual branching from God's way to our own way. The world is tottering about us. Fundamental principles of life we thought to be unmovable are being torn away. Innumerable evils compass us about on every side. As we look we are led to evaluate. Emphasis on education, on material possession, on social prestige, at the expense of a spiritual emphasis has brought us to a reaping. "Sow to the flesh and of the flesh reap corruption." We are simply reaping the payday of our sowing. We've "sown to the wind" and are reaping the "whirlwind." Buildings are being leveled to the ground—God's not interested in buildings, man's buildings. Fortunes are being dissolved—God's not interested in man's fortunes too many times amassed by robbing Him. The education we hoped to give our children is seriously disrupted now. God's not interested in man's piling up of knowledge which has more and more come to leave Him out. God has an interest in the world today—souls of men and women, boys and girls. As war roars, as epidemics sweep, as the death angel visits more frequently, the question, "Is it well with my soul?" will be in many more hearts.

God help us to gain our bearings before it is too late. Regeneration instead of recreation is the need of the hour. Spiritual strength instead of morale—courage to take the long hard way instead of a false optimism which says we can't help but win. WIN? We'll not start to win until we come to realize our nation must get back into the God business and out of the liquor business—that we can't dance our way to victory but must repent and pray our way to God and thence to victory.

Listen!

Can you hear the noise of battle? Can you hear the plane in its dive to bomb at close range the human target? Can you hear the machine-gun as it rattles its death-rhythm? The cry of the wounded and dying?

Those sounds cause us to listen. We've been doing all the talking, talking to God, telling Him our conditions upon which we'd do His bidding. We've expressed the privileges, the freedom and rights of self. We've failed to learn and teach personal responsibility to God. Many calls are sounding forth, but we must hear God if we'd

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win. "To obey is better than sacrifice." The letters are coming from the front saying, "Men are here paying the supreme price, while at home too many are yet playing at the matter. Tell them for us to turn back to God and obey Him." "The heavens and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away." God says that to our hearts now. Will we hear Him as He says "Come to salvation." God help us to say whatever way glory can come to Him, by our living or dying, let us go obediently wherever He leads.

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THE HEART OF A PASTOR'S WIFE Mrs. L. W. Ferrell

There are hearts that gripe and fuss and complain
But that's not the kind I want to name.
It's the kind that is big—greatly enlarged in a way,
With a rubber-like quality—of great value today.
It takes in the family and friends galore
But also the enemy, the unlovely—the bore.
There's a glad and warm welcome always in store
For whoever it may be who comes to its door.
It suffers with the sorrowing, sick and love lorn,
The forsaken, destitute and over-bourne.
It reaches out in help, compassion and cheer
To bring a bright spot, to wipe away a tear.
The youth rejoice in this heart kind and true,
Who understands, usually, the best thing to do.
The wedding, the parties, the shower, the fun,
They have have a part in this heart—every one;
The mother confides, the fallen seek help,
And each gets a blessing for this heart forgets self.
There's a place in this heart for the shut-in and old—

What a glad welcome awaits, needs not to be told.
This heart reaches out in love for the lost
And goes out in search, whatever the cost.
The soldier boys' place is a great big part,
They are grieved for, prayed for, down in this heart.
Thus in the ideal pastor's wife's heart we divine,
What is aimed at, longed for, prayed for, refined.
The reason this heart is so big and so wide
Is that Christ's love made it over and does there abide;

There is joy in this heart for this service thus given.
For Christ has filled it with His joy from heaven.
The joys of the pastor's wife's heart are untold
And worth to us far more than silver and gold.

(This poem was read at the Central Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference and is published by request.)

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OUR LORD WENT A LITTLE FURTHER By James Thorn

He went a little further! Behold how lonely our Lord! Behold our praying Pilot, our crushed Christ, our reserved Redeemer and take a lesson.

Might we not pray better if we went further? What did it all mean to Jesus? It spelled suffering and sacrifice, but also sovereignty. It meant passion and power, tears and triumphs, blood, yet blessing, wrestling and victory—a cross but at last, a crown!

By this Christ turned defeat to conquest. He needed to go further. He met the acid test and never once quailed in the cruel crisis.

See Him going further to heavier heart and almost unbearable burdens, to self-forgetfulness and complete self-renunciation. Yet through all those despairful clouds He went to incomparable glory!

What vim and vision, loyalty and love; courage and confidence, deliberation and determination and grit and grace it takes to go further despite "overwhelming" foes! But how happy he who goes. This is the spirit which wins in the Christian today. We thus get nearer our Lord and nearer His lost sheep. His whipping doesn't hurt so keenly when we get closer. If the soldier's sword is short let him get a little closer to his foe. If the fisherman would make a good catch let him quietly go a little further toward the fish.

Am I willing to pay the price of going a little further? God give us grace and vision to see the worthwhileness of this step!

Pastoral Problems

By Nerman W. Cox

WHAT TO PREACH

The preacher frequently is much puzzled about what NOT to preach. Many organizations in and out of the church are wanting special sermons. They want him to promote their cause. The one question about what he ought to do about such a request is, would the Lord Jesus Christ have me give the sermon on this subject?

The preacher should be silent in all his utterances regarding his doubts and skeptical questionings. People are not interested in a preacher's doubts and unbelief. They want to know what he really believes.

A preacher should never allow his pulpit message to depart from the truth of God. Three things only should be in any preacher's sermon. Whatever does not include these three things should be kept out. These three things are:

First, truth that will persuade the soul to recognize its sinfulness and urge him to accept Christ as his Saviour.

Second, truth that will persuade believers to forsake their faults, failures, and indifferences.

Third, truth that will strengthen the faith, increase the devotion, unlease the energies of the believer that he may grow in the knowledge of Christ and usefulness in Christian service.

It is good for the pulpit not to busy itself with anything that cannot be properly related to the three principles mentioned above.

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SECRETARY McCALL ENTERTAINS CONVENTION BOARD WORKERS

One of the happiest occasions of the year was the Christmas dinner given by Secretary McCall on Saturday afternoon, December 19, at the Walthall Hotel. In addition to a real turkey dinner, Dr. McCall made a short talk, in which he denied (and none of us believed him) any credit for the accomplishments of the Board office for the past year, and gave all of it to the workers.

B. T. U. Secretary Auber J. Wilds showed moving pictures of the various departments of the Convention Board. All of us enjoyed seeing ourselves as others see us.

Several resolutions concerning the Board workers were introduced and unanimously passed. As they are military secrets they cannot be published! One prominent worker present was given a large can of pineapple juice, as a dental operation was soon to be undergone.—Reporter.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

January

Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, January 18-21.

Twelve Weeks Soul Winning Crusade, beginning January 24.

One Hundred Thousand Club.

Now Club (Mississippi Debts).

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

1943 Church Program Outline Completed.

Begin Reading the Bible Through.

Installation of W. M. U. Officers, if this hasn't Already Been done. (See 1943 Year Book, pages 88-90.)

W. M. U. Executive Committee Meeting. (See Officers Guide.)

Secure W. M. U. Standard of Excellence Chart and Keep Before Society so it Can Be Marked Monthly.

Methods Class Studying 1943 W. M. U. Year Book and Officers' Guide.

Check Hundred Thousand Club and Now Club Memberships.

Secure Subscriptions for Royal Service.

B. T. U. Soul Winning Study Course Emphasis. Associational Sunday School Meetings.

Tithes and Offerings According to the Scripture.

Church School of Missions.

DR. N. R. DRUMMOND'S DEATH

His multitude of friends throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will be distressed to learn of the home-going of Dr. N. R. Drummond, 64, associate



DR. N. R. DRUMMOND

executive secretary of the Board, officiating.

Dr. Drummond was on his way to Phoenix, Arizona, to fill an engagement some three weeks ago when he had a heart attack on the train about the time he reached El Paso. He was carried to the hospital. Later he had another heart attack, which was followed by pneumonia.

Dr. Drummond came to Nashville seven years ago to be associated with Dr. P. E. Burroughs in the educational department of the Sunday School Board. Later he was transferred to the editorial department with Dr. Hight C. Moore. In addition to editing many of the Board's publications from a doctrinal point of view and writing much valuable material for The Teacher, Dr. Drummond was editor of Open Windows, which continues to grow in popularity as a devotional magazine.

Before coming to Nashville Dr. Drummond was assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City for five years while Dr. Holcomb was pastor. For several years he taught in the department of Religious Education of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, following his graduation in that institution with the degrees of Th.M. and Th.D.

He was a native of Mississippi, the son of a faithful Baptist preacher in South Mississippi, Rev. Richard Drummond. After graduating from the University of Mississippi, he was superintendent of the public schools in Columbia, Mississippi, for some time. There he met Miss Pearl McGee, who became his wife. She and the two children, Major Robert Drummond of the medical corps of the United States army, and Mrs. George Atkins, wife of Captain Atkins, now a chaplain in foreign service, and four grandchildren survive Dr. Drummond.

For the past two years Dr. Drummond had been the efficient general superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, which has an enrollment of over 2,000.

The Sunday School Board never had a more tireless and more efficient worker than N. R. Drummond. He was a Christian gentleman of the very highest type. He will be sorely missed.

WAITER M. GILMORE.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Drummond and our Mississippi W. M. U. secretary, Miss Fannie Traylor, are cousins.)

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Washington, D. C.—Regulations on the consumption of newsprint are expected to curtail the church press in the same degree as the secular press. The War Production Board now has under consideration issuance of an order curtailing consumption of newsprint—likely to be issued in the very near future—which is expected to cut consumption by about 10 percent of 1941 usage. The WPB order will have no effect on publications consuming less than 100 tons of newsprint annually, and this provision may permit many church papers to continue newsprint consumption on the same basis as heretofore.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

GILLSBURG ADOPTS 'EVERY FAMILY PLAN' AND GOES TO FULL TIME

At our request, Rev. Thurman Booth writes: I became pastor at Gillsburg January the first, 1940. The Lord has richly blessed our work together



REV. THURMAN BOOTH

This church has been a half time church, but now feels its strength and responsibility and along with the other half time church at Osyka, they have decided to begin a full time program. The people here are cordial and well organized.

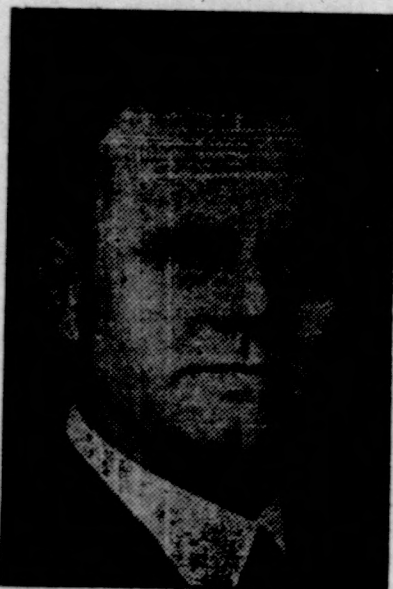
It was my sad experience under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to offer my resignation November the 22, 1942, to accept the full time call at Osyka.

Regardless of what the brethren are saying about war conditions and half time churches, it is not my business to discourage a church of 300 members who feel that they are ready for full time church program. It is rather my honest opinion that Jesus Christ did not institute any thing short of a full time program of Gospel preaching.

—Thurman Booth.

Dr. Fuller says:

"When we realize that the denominational papers



DR. ELLIS A. FULLER

Liberty Church, Lauderdale Association, Has EVERY FAMILY Plan Plus

You will please find enclosed payment for the included list of names which is every resident family, our pastor, one Methodist lady, and one family who is not a resident of our community, but is a member of our church and every family in our community belongs to our church.

This list is from Liberty Church, belonging to the

are weekly visitors to our homes we must know that they are undoubtedly the most effective media we have for reaching our Baptist people with our message to inspire them to cooperate in building God's Kingdom in human hearts."

—Ellis A. Fuller,

President
Southern
Seminary.

THE PREACHER AS A MAN

Dr. A. L. O'Briant, Parchman, Miss.

The Bible tells us that the work of a preacher is a good work; so the preacher who is to effect this work must be a good man.

This work is not a human invention but is of divine origin and designed for the greatest good, that is: to bring men to Christ. Therefore the preacher must be dedicated and consecrated to his task with a seriousness and earnestness of desire to help sinners turn from darkness to light.

In a recent address at Fort Worth Doctor Truett spoke some wonderful truths regarding the preacher and his qualifications. He said:

"He should have several hours per day for real study.

"He should place emphasis on the right things, the main things.

"He must watch against the love of ease.

"He is to guard against professionalism.

"He is not to be envious of another.

"He should be a man of high moral courage.

"He is to be careful, conscientious and faithful in what he preaches.

"He should do more wayside preaching; in the home and everyday contacts with people."

The Bible says the preacher must be blameless, giving no occasion for reproach or prejudice to his ministry.

He should be the husband of one wife—not several wives at the same time.

He must be vigilant, careful of himself and those committed to his charge.

He must be a sober man, moderate in all things.

He must be given to hospitality, ready to entertain according to his ability.

He should keep himself in readiness to teach, being prepared in the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

He should be kind, approachable, not out of reach of anyone's confidence.

He should so live above a greed for money that his people will recognize it.

He should keep his family in order, thus setting a

Lauderdale County Association.

Yours truly,

Mrs. W. L. Culpepper, Treasurer.

East McComb

The doctors have ordered Pastor W. A. Gill to rest a few weeks and so we had the privilege of supplying for him on a recent Sunday. And even though it was near Christmas the house was full. The spiritual atmosphere was far above the average. Pastor Gill has been with this church for more than 25 years and like some other things seems to grow better with age. They have recently called Rev. H. P. Porter to be his assistant. He is to begin work January 1.

Pike county subscribers are now listed as follows: FERNWOOD 41; McComb First 36; McComb Central 25; EAST McCOMB 69; McComb 9; MAGNOLIA 75; SUMMITT 74; TERRY'S CREEK 60; Progress 7; Union Church 5; FRIENDSHIP 27; TANGPAHOE 94; Silver Creek 12; Bluff Springs 1; Holmesville 1; BOGUE CHITTO 40; Pleasant Hill 1; Gillsburg 3; SOUTHSIDE 87.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

Where There's a Marsh There Are Subscribers

Recently we had a nice list of forty-five subscribers from East End Church, Columbus, Miss. For several years this church has been struggling under a heavy debt, and some of the brethren did not feel that they could adopt the EVERY FAMILY PLAN at the present time, so the pastor proceeded to obtain them, as he says, "by the hard way—the way of personal solicitation."

The list includes more than half of the resident families and all of the officers and teachers. They also have more than forty subscribers to the Commission.

Where There's a Will There's a Way.

Lowndes County Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: ARTESIA 21, Border Springs 2, Caledonia 1, Columbus 1st 34, CALVARY 36, Mt. Vernon 4, EAST END 45, PLEASANT HILL 38, NEW SALEM 19.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley

Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

LAUREL: The chaplain at the new Army Air Base is First Lieut. Alexander D. Bruce and his assistant is Sgt. Morris B. Felde. Sgt. Felde has prepared a church directory of Laurel and the camp area. This directory shows 25 churches of about 14 different denominations, pastor's names, street locations, hours of worship, etc. On the back is a road map showing the exact location of each building. Following a road map to church is a new but excellent idea.

HATTIESBURG: Dr. T. D. Brown, pastor of the First church here is the authority for this statement: "The men are streaming into our center and services as never before." Turkey and chicken suppers are served from the center's kitchen. The service men furnish the food and the ladies of the church furnish the cooks, etc. Mrs. Dorothy Ware plans and has charge of the fellowship period on Sunday evening and here too we are told the room is filled. Everywhere in Hattiesburg we heard good reports.

KEESLER FIELD: Chaplain Cole's 8:30 o'clock hospital service was well attended by men in wheel chairs, in casts, in braces, bandages and some barely able to hobble. Their singing, their spirit of worship was neither weak nor sickly. The chaplain brought a brief evangelistic message on Philipians 4:11-13 to this group of convalescents. After speaking to many of these men personally, distributing Testaments and many tracts, the chaplain left hurriedly for his office where a soldier and his "only" girl awaited him. Here he performed a marriage ceremony. Love finds a way. The girl came down from Plattsburg, New York.

Then immediately the chaplain, his assistant and organist headed for another service in the field which began at 10:00 o'clock. This was conducted in one of the class buildings which provided a fine place for worship. Men in uniforms came from the barracks East, West, North and South. They took every seat, still them came. Chaplain Cole saw that none went away, he seated them on the pulpit rostrum, filled the choir, still they came and stood around the inside against the walls. The service was great, good singing, a spirit of deep reverence and certainly Spirit filled.

Chaplain Cole preached on "Orders from Headquarters." At the close of this evangelistic sermon, he made an appeal to those unsaved, with every head bowed and eye closed. Out of the 375 or more men in this service 140 by actual count lifted a hand, signifying that they did accept Jesus as Saviour and would serve and follow Him. Tracts and Testaments were distributed freely in this service by the chaplain. God is blessing Chaplain Cole at Keesler. Men are accepting the pure gospel that he preaches that only Jesus saves.

good example as capable of caring for the church of which he is pastor.

He must have a good reputation in order to magnify his office as a shepherd.

He must have piety, prudence, loyalty and zeal, and an ambition that never tires.

Since God has counted us worthy to be called into this gracious, responsible office, we should deem it a definite privilege to be a co-worker with Him and remember His promise, "I will be with you to the end of the world." Jesus Himself will fit us for our task and guide us through all difficulties. He will overlook our imperfections, comfort and encourage us and finally, reward us with the plaudit "well done" and a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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Olive Branch: If Jesus reads our Record with us, this reporter believes that He and 120,000 other readers were disappointed that only six churches reported Sunday school and B. T. U. attendance last week. This is our appeal to reporters to give us these outstanding facts through The Baptist Record. They are of interest.—Milton Payne.

**CHRISTMAS AT
FIRST CHURCH BILOXI and ACTS**
By Mrs. G. C. Hodge

Footsore and weary, but happy, the last group of carolers crowded into the hospitable Lutz home at 10:30 p. m. Christmas eve for refreshments and a brief devotional service. Assembly was planned for 10, but their route had been eastward, and the large party moved slowly. One friendly soul asked, "Won't the boys and girls have some cake?" but quickly reconsidered when told there were 45 in the group. Another solved it by serving candy.

Another group of carolers had a high school boy and his accordion. As their route was principally on the main streets, groups of soldiers joined them at intervals, then passed on.

Since I had been pounding the pavements earlier with six junior carolers, I was assigned the outlying points with the car and six singers; a soldier and his wife, who sings alto lovely, and four soldiers, three of whom were to be my dinner guests Christmas day. We were invited into two homes for refreshments, and reached the rendezvous first, so had ample time to enjoy the piano playing of Dick Knutsen and accordion selections by Wilton Davis.

All 85 of the carolers were not at the Lutz home, but still too many were there for one Santa Claus to handle, so we left shortly before he was due, and returned to our own package-wrapping and stocking filling.

Christmas afternoon active games were played indoors and out. The new croquet set had its first workout on the playground along with dodge ball, and it was so warm jackets and coats were discarded in favor of short sleeves. The piano was seldom without its group of singers. Table games were also popular. Supper was literally assembled; hot chili in bowls, coffee, tea, cocoa, fruit salad, many varieties of sandwiches, spaghetti and cheese, cookies and fruit. More than sixty were served at supper, and many others came in who had already dined.

We met many new boys of interesting personality and promise.

The one who had been walking about for six hours searching for a congenial group. He found them in our church.

The soldier who played indefatigably on the piano, entertaining all with his music and songs. He must be a blessing to convalescents in the station hospitals.

A fine fellow who has been here 16 months, working mostly at night, and yet we're just now meeting him.

The one who was heartbroken over washing out the last two weeks of aviation cadet training, but whose mother is happy.

Several who arrived in town only yesterday.

The two "new" ones among our dinner guests. We called them by their first names. You would too since their names were Luebke and Falsetano. They were unusually fine and interesting.

The missionary son from the Westervelt Home in South Carolina, missionary to Indians.

The two tall singers whose names sound like Mosh and Gosh. They were two of the Wise Men in our Christmas pageant Sunday night.

Several who were Christian workers back home came to express appreciation for the fun and fellowship. Their work in school prevents regular attendance.

To our friends:—Your messages of sympathy and prayers for us and our son, Lt. G. C. Hodge, Jr., reported missing, have sustained our faith and cheered our hearts. In our own strength we could not have gone through this difficult Christmas season. No further definite news has come. His last

DR. L. B. CAMPBELL RETURNS TO MISSISSIPPI
Becomes Pastor at Marks

Dr. Laurence Bracey Campbell, formerly of Mississippi, but recently in exile in Louisiana, has returned to Mississippi as pastor at Marks, succeeding Rev. George Gay, who recently went to Okolona.

Dr. Campbell is a Mississippian, and was educated at Clarke College, Mississippi College, and the Baptist Bible Institute. He was ordained by the Georgetown church while he

was there as principal of the school.

Most of his ministerial life has been spent in Mississippi and Mississippians are glad to welcome him back to his native state.

DR. L. B. CAMPBELL

1943 BAPTIST RECORD AIMS

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Record has grown, so has the work, financial and otherwise.

Second, we aim to improve the editorial content of The Record. Surely a year of experience should enable us to better the product of 1942.

Third, we hope to make the reading matter more attractive by improvements in the make-up of The Record.

Fourth, we aim to keep The Baptist Record true to the Bible as it always has been. Any article that casts doubt on God's Word has no chance of publication.

Fifth, we aim to do all we can to promote the Co-operative Program. It is the best plan that Baptists now know for the promotion of their work. Hence we feel honor bound to do anything we can that will help that program.

W. M. U. AIMS FOR 1943

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that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only."

The following aims for Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union for the year will make us truer witnesses if we reach them:

- 50% of Every W. M. U. using Prayer Calendar.
- 100% of Every Organization Observing the Seasons of Prayer.
- 100% of Presidents Maintaining a Family Altar.
- 100% of Societies Studying Monthly Missionary Topics in Royal Service.
- 100% of Societies Studying at Least one Mission Study Book.
- 10% Increase in Tithers in Each Society.
- Every W. M. S. Fostering at Least One Young People's Organization.
- Every W. M. S. Making a Survey of Unsaved in Community—Arrange in File for Your Record of Work and Results.

If, in His Name, an effort is made by each society to reach the above aims, this will be a year of powerful witnessing.

letter was dated Nov. 22nd, from a far northern point. Continue praying with us that he and those with him (his plane carried a crew of seven men) on the bomber may be safe in some remote haven, and restored to us in God's own time.

The one with the almost incredible story that he was notified two days before Christmas of his parents' deaths in the Boston fire, just now identified, and all his brothers in service, but where, he does not know.

Seven united with our church last Sunday and another rededicated herself to God.

**DR. GEO. W. TRUETT IS FIRST SPEAKER
ON BAPTIST RADIO PROGRAM**

In the opening program of the 1943 series of the BAPTIST HOUR to be broadcast next Sunday morning, January 3rd, at 8:30 EWT (7:30 CWT),



DR. GEO. W. TRUETT

over an independent network of thirty-five stations in sixteen states of the South, Dr. George W. Truett will speak on the subject "Christ's Answer to World Need," according to S. F. Lowe, chairman, Radio Committee, Southern Baptist Convention. The general theme for the thirteen broadcasts of the series will be, "American Christians Amid World Crises." These programs can be heard in Mississippi over Stations WSLI, KWKH, WSM and WREC.

Dr. Truett is past-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Baptist World Alliance and is reputed to be one of the world's greatest preachers.

This is the third series of the BAPTIST HOUR in as many years which is proving to be a popular radio religious feature, as is reflected in the announcement of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that over 50,000 mail responses were received in connection with the 1942 series, January through March of this year.

Stations in this area that will carry the Baptist Radio Hour broadcast are: WBRC—Birmingham, WFSB—Montgomery, KTHS—Hot Springs, WSB—Atlanta, KWKH—Shreveport, KTBS—Shreveport, WJBO—Baton Rouge, WSLI—Jackson, and WREC—Memphis.

1943 B. T. U. ACTIVITIES AND GOALS

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Soul Winning Study Course emphasis.

March—Annual Study Course Month.

April—Youth Week.

May—Associational Elimination Contests, Christian Home Week.

June—District Conventions.

July—Ridgecrest and Special Summer Work.

August—Special Summer Work.

September—Fall Study Course Month.

October 25-29—Associational Rallies.

November—State Training Union Convention.

December—Christmas Plays, Watch Night.

Goals Set by the Associations:

New Training Unions, 152; New unit organizations, 988—these divided as follows: Adults, 224; Young People, 175; Intermediate, 206; Junior, 198; Story Hour, 185. Standard Training Unions: 59. Standard unit organizations, 410—divided as follows: Adults, 107; Young People, 88; Intermediate, 109; Junior, 106. Our goal in study course awards for the four year program is 50,000, or 12,500 a year. Two years have past and each year we have issued over 13,000.

Already our people have adjusted themselves to conditions. Many associational meetings in December were the most largely attended they have ever had. We face the year with "chins up" and coats off.

We regret that no photograph of B. T. U. Secretary A. J. Wilds is available for this issue of The Baptist Record.

The average Protestant church member dropped \$14.70 in the collection plate during the past year for an increase of \$1.32 over the preceding twelve months. Church officials, however, said the rise was far below the proportional increase in the national income.—INS.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Personal Service—Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. John King, Clinton, Miss.

President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.

Stewardship—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson, Miss.

This outline was used by Mrs. J. H. Street at our Executive Board meeting. I'm passing it on for the benefit of others.

"... That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only." Isaiah 37:20.

The real, full meaning of this, our watchword for 1943, comes only with a re-reading of chapters 36 and 37 in the prophecy of Isaiah. Such a re-study of that dramatic story from the history of God's people brings into sharp focus the remarkable parallel between the situation Hezekiah faced and our world situation today. The secret of the power and effectiveness of Hezekiah's prayer lies in the watchword: the spirit and the motive of his praying.

Following are some helpful comments that interpret our watch word for practical application in our lives:

(1) "Like Hezekiah we may each feel that our defense is more God's affair than ours, in proportion as we are His rather than our own."—Alexander McClaren.

(2) "It is possible to die to self so fully as to feel that our cause is His, because His is so entirely ours."—Alexander McClaren.

(3) "Liberty of access to the throne of grace is the unspeakable privilege of the Lord's people at all times—especially in times of distress and danger."—Matthew Henry.

(4) "We have enough to take hold of, in wrestling with God by prayer, if we can but plead that His glory is interested in our case. Thence, therefore, will our most prevailing pleas be drawn."—Matthew Henry.

It is to such a sacred level of prayer that Dr. Carver would lead us as he teaches us ("If Two Agree") that when we pray in Jesus' name we pray in Jesus' stead. We make our petitions the ones we believe Jesus would pray were He here on earth now.

Faithful adherence to the spirit of this watchword will weave into the fabric of the work of Woman's Missionary Union:

1. Purity of Purpose. No secondary, personal, nor selfish motive, if we are to pray with sincerity, "that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only."

2. Power of Activity and Accomplishment. Nothing so empowers the work of individual Christians and organized groups as the assurance of absolute accord with God's will.

3. Persistence in Prayer. Only through daily, earnest prayer can we maintain purity of purpose with the accompanying power of accomplishment.

Circle Meetings—Program Suggestions

General topic: "Baptists Building Together."

General devotional theme: "Ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

January Topic: Building for the Future.

(As developed in Royal Service):

Building for the Future—Debt Clearance

Devotional Theme—"I am debtor to the Greeks and to the barbarians."—Rom. 1:14-16.

"Pray Ye" Suggestions.

A Gourd Vine versus Nineveh.

Why Every Friend of Home Missions Should Be a Member of the Hundred Thousand Club. (See article in January issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions.)

News Story of the Home Mission Board's Annual Meeting. (See "story" in January issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions.)

What They Did with Their Looking Glasses. (See article in January issue of The Window of Y. W. A.)

On Our Honor. (See article in January issue of World Comrades.)

A Promise Fulfilled. (See article in January issue

of The Commission.)

The Hope of Hawaii. (See article in January issue of The Commission.)

President's New Year Message.

Current Events.

Many re-adjustments have had to be made since war and all its consequences have come upon us. Several months ago our President sent a message to a large denominational gathering asking that they plan not to curtail any of their group meetings because of the vital spiritual needs of our country. We are not planning to eliminate any essential group meetings. However, we are making a change in our institutes for the study of the Year Book.

Gas and tire rationing has made it hard for a majority of us to go long distances, consequently we have planned for a number of associations to put on their own institutes but Miss Robinson and I are planning to group those associations we did not touch in the clinics last fall and one of us will be in each of those groups.

As we study our 1943 W. M. U. Year Book we find that the name of one of our fundamentals has changed from Personal Service to Community Missions. For several years this change has been contemplated and now it is a reality. We feel that the time was never more appropriate to center our attention on our communities than right now.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me." As we launch out into another year's work, may we make Christ pre-eminent in our thinking and in our planning. If the hearts of individuals and the homes that compose our communities could be inspired to give their best to Christ our state would see changes wrought within a short time.

As Jesus ran evil doers out of the temple we find conditions in our communities that could be removed if Christian women would go in the strength and power of Christ and drive them out.

Our secretary, Dr. McCall, stated in a talk at the Convention that sugar, gas and other objects have been rationed, but God's power is not rationed.

My hope and prayer for every local, county and district community mission worker is to go in the Spirit of Christ, claiming His promise that He would go with us, wherever we go. He will supply every need of ours as we witness for Him and may we not be guilty of going or doing anything unless we go with His power and His strength.

EVIE GOODRICH.

They Met the Challenge—They Went Beyond

C. Lee Bullard, Galilee Baptist Church
Gloster, Miss.

The week of Nov. 29th was week of prayer and concluded with a worthy Lottie Moon offering. Our women met Monday for the first day's service, and as they prayed evidences of the Holy Spirit seized upon them similar to Acts 4:31ff. They were aroused by the challenge given them. The goal set was \$125.00, for the week. After final count the following Monday at the regular meeting of the society, the goal had been reached and had grown to \$164.84. It will always so happen if we pray first and then give according to the Divine urge. THEY MET THE CHALLENGE—THEY WENT BEYOND.

Fostering Through Alert Leadership

Often comes the inquiry, "How can we foster our young people's auxiliaries?" The practical experiences of those who have had success in this endeavor can become directions for others.

The first and most important step is definite and concerted prayer on the part of the interested W. M. S. members that God will not only direct them to the proper persons but that the prospective coun-

sels themselves will feel that God is opening for them a place of service with this particular group of young people. Since the most likely field for the discovery of such leadership is the membership of the W. M. S., the young people's work should be studied in such a way as to acquaint all members with the purpose, plans, worth and attractiveness of the auxiliaries. There is no more satisfactory way of doing this than for the entire W. M. S. to study "The Way of Missionary Education." Then the society or fostering circle can study the work of each particular organization during its Focus Week. A program may be arranged from the organization's manual, World Comrades or The Window of Y. W. A. or the young people of the organization may present the work. The counselors will naturally study their task more fully when selected.

Some Woman's Missionary Societies at the beginning of the year elected their president and the young people's director, choosing the latter for her consecration, zeal, interest and attractiveness to other young people as well as her ability to work through the counselors; then no other officers are elected until the young people's director—in consultation with the W. M. S. nominating committee, pastor and W. M. S. president—has selected the counselors for the young people's organizations, thus assuring the selection of those best suited for this most important work.

Equally as important as the "finding" of counselors is the "keeping" of them. Here at least three factors play a very definite part: the interest, vision, consecration and determination of the counselor; the interest of the W. M. S. as shown by its fostering care; and the interest of the mothers and those responsible for encouraging the young people in the work of their auxiliaries. The W. M. S. can assist vitally at all three of these points by expecting monthly reports from the auxiliaries through the director, counselors or young people themselves; by leading each officer of the W. M. S. to feel a keen responsibility for the promotion of her work in the auxiliaries, working through the director and counselors (particularly should this be true of the mission study, community missions, stewardship and literature chairmen). The society should provide in its annual budget a fund sufficient to care for the promotional expenses of the auxiliaries, such as the missionary magazines for program material, counselors' guides, Standard of Excellence charts, mission study materials, arm bands for Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary members, definite amount to be applied on expenses of representatives at camps, house parties, etc. The W. M. S. should help mothers to feel a sense of responsibility for encouraging attendance of young people at the auxiliary meetings, for providing allowances for them that they may begin the habit of tithing and contributing to special offerings and by subscribing to their missionary magazines for the home. A spirit of motherly interest manifested at all times by the W. M. S. will go far toward building a missionary-minded generation.—W. M. U. Year Book.

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Many will welcome a bill just introduced in Congress which will give additional strength and vitality to the navy chaplains' corps. It authorizes a chaplains' corps with a chief of chaplains, and gives the chief of chaplains the temporary rank of rear admiral. The proposed legislation has the wholehearted support of the Protestant churches through the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and of other church groups, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. The navy chaplaincy has heretofore been at a disadvantage as compared with the army chaplain's corps, which has had facilities corresponding to this since 1920.

Beginning January 1, 1943, the subscription rate to The Baptist Record for widows is \$1.00 per year.

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CONVENTION BOARD APPROVES WORK OF BOARD EMPLOYEES

The following excerpts from the minutes of the recent meeting of the Convention Board have been received and we are glad to pass them on to our readers, for most Baptists are interested in their work and want to know how the money they give is used and what the workers their money supports are doing:

On motion of H. L. Martin, which carried, it is ordered that the soldier work be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary.

On motion of F. V. McFatrige, which carried, it is ordered that all applications for financial aid to be rendered by the Board shall be in the hands of the Executive Secretary by December 1, of each year.

Report of Committee on B. T. U. Work

We commend Brother Wilds and his co-workers for the aggressive manner in which the B. T. U. work was carried out in 1942.

We note with pleasure that the work of his department has shown an increase in new unions organized, and also in training of those enlisted. 374 new unions were organized, 13,052 awards granted.

We express our appreciation for the fine work of approved workers. Their fine service has been without remuneration.

We recommend the Training Union, as a good solution to the problem of Sunday evening attendance. It is unexcelled in this field. We feel that an increased emphasis on Training Union work will bear good fruit. It continues to be a source of trained workers in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. FLOWERS, Chairman,
C. O. DANIEL,
S. P. POWELL,
W. B. MAY,
J. I. HILL,
D. I. YOUNG,
MACK JONES, Secretary,
Committee on B. T. U. Work.

Report of Committee on Evangelism

We, your Committee on Evangelism, desire to express our gratitude to God for the good work that has been done during the past year by our pastors, workers and evangelists.

We earnestly call attention and rejoice that practically all the associations have voted to cooperate in the Evangelistic Crusade this winter and spring and trust that every pastor and worker will attend the Evangelistic Conference to be held in Clinton, January 18-21, 1943.

We recommend that the dividing of the state into districts and the selection and directing of the district evangelists and general denominational workers be left with the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. MEADOWS,
W. A. HEWITT,
L. F. HAIRE,
L. J. CRUMBY,
H. W. ROBERSON,
J. F. BROCK,
C. J. OLANDER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1943:

1. John D. Davis, Greenville.
2. Walton E. Lee, Como.
3. J. D. Ray, Starkville.
4. R. D. Pearson, Macon.
5. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi.
6. J. B. Parker, Ripley.
7. E. D. Hurst, Laurel.
8. W. A. Hewitt, Jackson.
9. W. W. Kyzar, Meadville.

Motion to refer the selection of district evangelists to the Executive Committee and Executive Secretary. We recommend A. J. Wilds be permitted to employ an assistant for his department, provided he stays within the budget set-up.

The following report on Sunday Schools was presented and adopted:

Report of Committee on S. S. Work

We wish to express our appreciation to the Sunday School Department for the splendid work done this past year. We feel that Brother E. C. Williams

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

At the meeting of the Sunday School Board here December 16, some vital changes were made in the personnel of the staff. Dr. Prince E. Burroughs, educational and promotional secretary of the Board since 1910, will retire next June, and Dr. J. O. Williams, who has been business manager of the Board since 1934, was elected to succeed Dr. Burroughs. No successor was elected to fill Dr. Williams' position as business manager.

Dr. Hight C. Moore, who has been editorial secretary since 1917, will retire also next June as editorial secretary, but was elected to fill Dr. N. R. Drummond's place as associate editorial secretary till January 1, 1944. Dr. Moore's successor has not been named nor Dr. Drummond's successor, beyond January 1, 1944.

Joe Heacock, educational director of the Olivet

and his co-workers have done an excellent work and are to be commended for their efforts. Also for the able assistance rendered by the Sunday School Board.

We rejoice to note the emphasis placed on evangelism by the Sunday School Department, particularly in the phase of V. B. S. work.

We urge that all churches cooperate with our Sunday School Department in reaching the Standard of Excellence.

Many of the pastors and laymen rendered valuable assistance in the promotion of the program last year, especially in the associational work. We urge all pastors to cooperate fully with the Sunday School Department during these days of uncertainty, in order that this phase of the work might go forward in our state.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. HOLCOMB,
J. O. WHITE,
R. W. PORTER,
C. L. BULLARD,
E. I. FARR.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report through R. A. Morris, which was adopted:

D. A. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer; A. J. Wilds, B. T. U. secretary; E. C. Williams, Sunday school secretary; John A. Farmer, assistant Sunday school secretary; Miss Carolyn Madison, elementary Sunday school secretary; A. L. Goodrich, editor, The Baptist Record; D. A. McCall, business manager, The Baptist Record; Miss Fannie Traylor, executive secretary, the W. M. U.; Miss Edwina Robinson, young people's leader.

Report of Committee on Baptist Record

We, your committee, wish to commend most heartily the editor and business management of The Baptist Record, both for the excellence of the material in the pages, and for the increase in circulation, and that The Record reported a profit of \$3,365.35 instead of the deficit which heretofore was paid from mission funds. The circulation of The Record is now above 28,000 weekly.

Since The Baptist Record is the promotional agency for all our work, W. M. U., B. T. U., Sunday School, B. S. U., and Evangelism, we ask that all employees of the Board consider it part of their duty to publicize The Record in all public meetings, conferences, revivals, etc., and to call attention to the fact that news of the various departments of work is to be found in The Record. We believe that getting The Record into Baptist homes, and getting it read is foundation work in missions, evangelism and enlistment.

We recommend that this Board authorize the executive committee of the Board in connection with the editor and business manager to investigate conditions and deal with the matter of a printing contract for The Record.

We also suggest that the problem of mailing The Record be worked out so that it will reach all of its subscribers regularly and on time, and that this matter be looked into fully.

R. L. BEDWELL, Chairman,
F. V. McFATRIDGE,
GEORGE H. GAY,
W. R. COOPER,
C. C. WEAVER,
W. B. ABEL,
ROWE C. HOLCOMB.

DR. W. A. HEWITT CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

January 1, 1918, to January 1, 1943, marks the passing of a quarter of a century of tireless, quiet, fruitful ministry on the part of one of God's very



DR. W. A. HEWITT

finest servants. First Baptist Church, Jackson, is observing in a deeply grateful spirit the 25th anniversary of its beloved pastor, Dr. W. A. Hewitt. Coming to Jackson on January 1st, 1918, from a most successful pastorate at Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Texas, Dr. Hewitt began at once to lead his people

into fields of larger vision, deeper consecration, and more far-reaching service. Under his wise and patient yet forceful leadership, the church has grown to a place of recognized prominence in the Southern Baptist Convention. The present magnificent building has been built during his ministry, and to him largely goes the credit for its existence, for he had a vision of the power that might be wielded by a new and beautiful church. Having a membership of only a few hundred in 1918, the church stands today with the largest membership in the state, totalling over 4000. A total of 5,925 persons have united with the church during Dr. Hewitt's ministry. Of these, 1,232 united by profession of faith and 4,693 by letter.

During this same period, over a million dollars have been contributed through the church to causes around the world spreading the Gospel. The present indebtedness on the church building, costing over half a million dollars, is about \$50,000.00. By precept and example Dr. Hewitt has led in "giving unto the Lord."

Always just beside Dr. Hewitt in all he does is Mrs. Hewitt. Although self-effacing and unassuming, she is constantly alert and anxious to meet the needs of the many who come to her for advice and strength.

To Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt, loved and honored not only by the people of First church but by all Jackson and Mississippi, go our tribute and congratulations on this silver anniversary. To them we pledge our continuing love, cooperation and loyalty.

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TENNESSEE NEXT

Lawson H. Cooke

Inspired by the remarkable achievement of the Brotherhoods of Texas in raising approximately \$350,000 on the State Convention debt, the executive board of the Tennessee State Convention has requested the Brotherhoods of that state to sponsor a campaign to retire the Convention debt amounting to approximately \$200,000.

State Brotherhood Secretary E. K. Wiley has accepted this challenge in the name of the Brotherhoods of the state and has begun setting up his organization. Secretary Wiley is confident that this project in Tennessee will be equally as successful as was the Texas campaign, and that before the end of 1943 the entire indebtedness of the Tennessee Convention will have been paid.

Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, for the past five years, was elected to fill the place of Rev. Chester L. Quarles in the Training Union Department as associational director. Mr. Heacock is a graduate of Howard College and of the Southwestern Seminary. He begins his new work January 1, 1943. Also Rev. Henry C. Rogers, for the past seven years secretary of the Training Union Department of the Tennessee Convention, was elected as head of the Intermediate B. T. U. department, succeeding Miss Elaine Coleman, who recently married. Mr. Rogers begins his new work January 1. W. M. Gilmore, secretary of the

THE SOUL OF THANKSGIVING

B. B. Hilbun, Ph. D.

We are glad to share with our readers the thanksgiving sermon preached at the Union Baptist Thanksgiving service at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church by Dr. B. B. Hilbun, pastor Highland church, Meridian.

TEXT: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:18.

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving." Psalm 95:2.

God's chosen people, Israel, assembled at the end of each year for the feast of the harvest . . . and the feast of ingathering to acknowledge the goodness of God.

David had a thanksgiving service on the occasion of the return of the ark after its capture by the Philistines (I Chron. 16:4).

At the dedication of the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah appointed two great companies of singers, who, standing on the top of the wall, gave thanks, and sang praises to God (Neh. 12).

A little more than three centuries ago a little band of grateful Pilgrims gathered to give thanks to God for his goodness. Their little world was limited to a few square miles; but like our world, it was swept by war, and it was war with nature as well as with man. Within that narrow arena there was concentrated a struggle for survival as fierce as any we are seeing today. The little garrison of faith and freedom was standing a desperate siege. In a year, half of its members had died, and many remaining were ill. Everything it seemed was lost, but they had gratitude, and with what voices they had left, they sang their hymns of praise and uttered thanks to God. Deep down in their souls was a spirit of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is eternally right. Cicero said: "While I fain would have some tincture of all the virtues, there is no quality I would rather have, and be thought to have than gratitude. For it is not only the greatest virtue, but even the mother of all the rest."

I. GOD IS PLEASED BY THANKFUL HEARTS; HE IS GRIEVED BY INGRATITUDE. It is tragic that one of humanity's besetting sins is the sin of ingratitude. We are reminded of the day when the Master healed ten pitiful lepers (Luke 17). "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks." . . . "And Jesus said, were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"

One of these poor lepers was grateful enough for a great blessing to take time to offer true thanks. The other nine evidently were not very thankful. To say the least we have no evidence of gratitude. This Samaritan had gratitude and faith. Jesus commended his gratitude and rewarded his faith.

A teacher in one of our Mississippi schools made a survey recently of 43 homes represented in a fifth grade class in her room. She found that in only 3 of the 43 homes was it a practice to offer thanks for the food they ate, and one of these three homes was that of the local Baptist pastor.

II. CAUSES FOR THANKSGIVING CAN BE FOUND EVEN IN ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES. The pilgrims sang even in the midst of appalling poverty. They were in a strange land, meeting strange situations in life. They suffered perils of Indians, perils of cold, perils of famine, perils of disease, and perils of death. But they forgot their hardships, lifted their voices and sang praises and offered thanks to God. These hard-pressed Pilgrims inaugurated our Thanksgiving day in America.

How could Paul and Silas sing praises in prison? Joy is not dependent upon

Sunday School Lesson

We regret that the Sunday school lesson for January 3 did not arrive in time for this issue.

environment or external circumstances. It is the fruit of the Spirit of Christ. It is a product of the indwelling spirit of Christ. When circumstances would seem sufficient to discourage us, we should trust God and "In everything give thanks."

When the Arab breaks his leg, he thanks God that it was not his neck.

An old Southern negro mammy once remarked, "I ain't got but two teeth in my head, but praise de Lord, dey hit."

Another saint learned to practice this text. Going home with a fine juicy steak for dinner, he stopped to tie a shoe-string. Having completed his shoe-string tying, he reached for his juicy steak and saw a big hungry looking dog grab it and speed away with it. His only remark was: "Thank God, I still have my appetite." I have a friend whom I have often heard make this wish: "I wish I could be hungry just once more."

A tramp was bemoaning the fact to me one day that his shoes were worn out and no one would give him any. Shortly I saw a man who has lost both feet in World War I. He had no feet on which to put shoes. He was going about work he had to do with a smile on his face and he appeared to have gratitude in his heart for something.

Can there possibly be any cause for thanksgiving in this terrible global war? Hard to see it, but there is. It affords the Christian with an opportunity to demonstrate to the entire pagan world that a Christian by the help of God can out live, out fight, and if necessary, out die, any pagan dominated by hatred, envy, jealousy, selfishness, lust and greed. It affords an opportunity heretofore unequalled for Christians to witness to the saving power of Christ in the islands of the sea and the people of every continent.

III. LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THESE THINGS:

1. God and his enduring mercies.
2. The Son of God — our personal Saviour and Lord. Too often we fail to thank God for this marvelous gift of His dear son and for His salvation.

Years ago a boat loaded with passengers was wrecked by storm on Lake Michigan. A number of Northwestern University students were acting as life-guards on the lake. One of them, a ministerial student, Edward Spencer, saved 17 from drowning. When he was being carried to his room exhausted and delirious, he asked, "Did I do my best? Did I do my best?" Broken in health from this ordeal he was forced to change his life plans.

When Dr. R. A. Torrey was telling this incident in Los Angeles, a man called out that Edward Spencer was in the audience. Dr. Torrey asked him to come to the platform, and an old white-haired man came forward amid loud applause. Dr. Torrey asked him if anything in particular stood out in his mind in the saving of 17 people. Mr. Spencer replied, "Only this, of the 17 saved, not one ever thanked me."

3. The Holy Spirit of God who comforts us in our sorrows, supplies sufficient grace, strengthens, leads, guides and teaches.
4. The open Bible — God's precious word. It contains life's true standards and food for the soul.
5. Open churches and all that they

signify.

6. A sufficient refuge in these days of trouble.

7. The things that keep us close to God. These may be unwelcome by us, but if they serve to keep us close to him, we should give God thanks for them.

8. The things that make us depend upon God.
9. The things that strengthen our character.
10. Prayer.

IV. THREE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH TRUE GRATITUDE WILL EXPRESS ITSELF:

1. The inward life.
2. The use we make of our possessions.

A life of personal service to God. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."

We must remember that we were not chosen for special favors but for special service. God is still at work in the world. He now rules and will rule in the future. His handiwork may be hidden from view in the many war-torn countries of the world, but it has ever been so. From the beginning, the unseen forces have had more power in the long run than those that were seen. This, we should learn from the Parable of the Leaven.

Germany, Japan, and Italy may be undeserving of any active love from America. However, if we are to have the Spirit of Christ, we must not forget that once we were undeserving, not only in the sight of men, but in God's sight and in due time God demonstrated by the death of His Son the love He holds for all the world. If we should have waited until we deserved it, we would still be in our sins. I am thoroughly convinced that the greatest opportunity the Christian Church has ever enjoyed will be upon us when this struggle is over. I do not see in it any sign of anything save the sign of the love of God for the whole world, which at the present time seems not to deserve it.

Let us therefore not take this as an occasion of laxness in our contributions to the Missionary cause. It must go on. America seems to be the greatest mission field in the world right now and who knows but that we were born for just such a time as this? Who can fathom the mind and purpose of God? It is only human to ask for some signs. But to us no sign shall be given, save the sign of Jonah. Let us say with our Master, "My Father works unceasingly, and so do I" (Wey. John 5:17). Let us double our efforts on every front. Let us pay our debts so that when the opportunity presents itself we shall not be hobbled by this burden. We must be ready with the only message sufficient for the world's needs. If we fail, we must sink into oblivion with the self-satisfied and complacent Pharisees.

EARLY CHURCH FUND LEADER PASSES

Dr. Louis B. Warren, who was superintendent of the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board during the period of its greatest expansion, died unexpectedly Saturday night, December 12, at a hospital in Brunswick, Georgia.

Dr. Warren served with the Home Mission Board from 1913 to 1922. During his administration the loan fund was increased from \$70,000 to over \$1,000,000.

Greatest expansion of the fund came during World War I when many memorials were given by parents who had lost

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS
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1. Paul did not write the Epistle to the Romans. He dictated it to his secretary. What was the secretary's name?

2. Four women named "Mary" are mentioned in the Scriptures. How would you distinguish these four Marys?

3. Was "the sea of Tiberias" as mentioned in the Scriptures a different body of water than that of the "sea of Galilee"?

4. We all know the duties of present day church "elders." How do their duties compare with the "elders" of Israelitish days?

(Correct answer on Page 15)

sons in the conflict. More than 1,500 memorials were secured by Dr. Warren as represented in over \$1,000,000 which he raised for use as a revolving loan fund to churches. These memorials Dr. Warren called the Hall of Fame.

Dr. Warren was elected to this position in 1913 for the express purpose, as stated in the Home Mission Board's report of that year, to establish a "Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund." The goal had been reached by 1910 when Dr. Warren reported cash and pledges which totaled \$1,271,275.

The fund today, according to Home Mission Board reports, is slightly above \$1,400,000, the relatively small increase since Dr. Warren pushed it above the goal of twenty years ago having been added largely from earned income.

Dr. Warren entered the ministry after his graduation from Mercer University. He served as pastor of Second Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, for several years before he was called by the Home Mission Board. He was stricken with total blindness and resigned from the Board in 1922. He lived in Atlanta until 1930 when he built a seaside cottage near Brunswick. Funeral services were held in Macon, Georgia, December 15.

LAMENTING A GREAT LOSS

We lament the passing of our beloved Editorial Associate, Dr. N. R. Drummond, who on December 10, departed this life.

We thank God upon every remembrance of him, for he was much like the Master who "went about doing good"; like Peter and John who so taught and wrought that others "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus"; like Barnabas "he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith"; like Paul who was "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"; like the sons of Issachar who "had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do"; and like David who "after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep."

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Hight C. Moore, Editorial Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board.



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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS LOOK THE SITUATION OVER

As we enter 1943 it might be well for us to review our tasks in the Now Club, as in other departments.

Three years ago our bonded indebtedness stood at \$542,000. The last bonds matured in 1957. This involved a payment of approximately \$300,000 interest charges. It also meant keeping about two men in the field for that time. Salaries and expenses were to be paid. This meant detracting from major phases of the work of our Lord.

From these and other considerations the Now Club came, calculated to bring in \$540,000 (within \$2,000 of the total due on bonds) in six brackets, over a three-year period.

Most of the year 1940 was taken in informing, arousing, and organizing. Yet, receipts in this column jumped from \$17,000 as of the preceding year 1939 to \$37,448.36. However, we should have received \$180,000 that year of 1940. We saw something big had to be done, so the six months intensive campaign was put on in 1941. Receipts from the Now Club rose to \$76,737.35. Again, we should have received \$180,000 on a three-year basis. The campaign went along. In 1942 we received as Now Club monies \$102,498.56. Again, we should have received \$180,000 on the three-year basis. We anticipated it would take one year in launching the program and really getting it under way. It took a year and one-half. Three years of Now Club receipts total \$216,684.27. We have actually taken up \$222,000 in bonds, at a saving of over \$75,000 in interest.

We have bonds outstanding in the amount of \$282,000, maturing 1952-57. In addition, we owe at the banks 3% notes in the amount of \$38,000 covering a like amount with which we called 6% bonds, saving \$21,000 additional in this transaction. Thus, our total bonded indebtedness (or equivalent) after three years of effort stands at \$320,000.

For the three years past our Now Club receipts have averaged \$72,228.09.

Thus, if we are to complete this task in 1943-44 we must still speed up to an average of \$160,000 each year! This will reach the \$320,000 balance due! Mississippi Baptists can do it!

Every agency, cause, church, institution, and department will take on new life, and should receive larger and more adequate support when this debt is out of the way.

Let us do it for Christ's sake!

Let us do it for His work's sake!

"Why should I give?" the question rings;
"I need it all for earthly things."
Quick to my lips the answer springs,
"I'll gladly give for Jesus' sake."

"Why should I strive the lost to win?
Why should I love the souls of men?"
Remembering Him who died for sin,
I'll do my best for Jesus' sake.

Then let us heed His great command,
Go preach His Word in every land,
Some day before His face we'll stand
And say, "It was for Jesus' sake."

"For Jesus' sake!" These words my soul inspire;
"For Jesus' sake!" This is my heart's desire.
"For Jesus' sake!" I want no richer hire—
I'll give and serve and live for Jesus' sake.

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MINISTERS SHOULD PROTEST, SAYS McLAIN PASTOR

I have just listened to a radio broadcast known as "Watch the World Go By," over the Blue Network. The commentator, Roy Porter, mentioned that one of our U. S. senators has suggested that inasmuch "as churches and schools are non-essential, they be closed for three months during the winter to save heating fuel." This applied only to the Eastern states.

This together with the government making the church a "collecting agency" for the forthcoming 5% Victory tax seems to carry out that which one of the brethren at the recent state Convention said, "It's like the camel putting his nose under the tent and the first thing you know he's all the way in."

Seems to me, Brother Goodrich, that

the time has come when the ministers of our state make a concerted effort to let our two senators and various congressmen know that we do not countenance such violations of our precious and inviolate traditions through the years, that of separation of church and state.—William Potter, McLain, Miss.

—BR—

GIVE HIM OUR ADDRESS

Because of his love and appreciation of the Pastor of Hardy Baptist Church, Spencer Taylor, of that community, presented Rev. O. B. Beverly with a check for \$100.00 as a love gift through the church.

May God richly bless Mr. Taylor and his family.

—Mrs. L. W. Goodwin.

(Let this be an example to others.—Editor.)



EAST END BAPTIST CHURCH

EAST END BAPTIST CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE; COLUMBUS CHURCH IS DEBT FREE

Sunday, December 13, an "All Day" praise service was held by East End Baptist Church of Columbus, celebrating the paying off of the entire debt on the church property. At that time the mortgage notes were burned.

Rev. J. F. Sansing, Caledonia, Miss., former pastor, brought the morning message. It was under his leadership that the present building was erected in 1922. But when he resigned in 1923 he left the church free of any debt.

The debt was incurred when the property adjoining the church was purchased and a brick veneer pastor's home was erected in 1929.

In January, 1937, the whole debt, with interest and insurance accretions, together with unpaid expense accounts, amounted to above \$5,600.00. The church building was badly in need of repair. The fellowship of the church was disintegrating. Many members went away. At that time Rev. W. L. Marsh became pastor. Only 176 members could be located. They have prayed, sacrificed and labored together these five years. The membership has grown to 263. There has been no large ingathering by campaigns, but Sunday after Sunday they have come. The Sunday school has been Standard or so near to it, since the spring of 1939. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gooch led the Sunday school to become Standard. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen kept it there, and DeWitte Smith, the present superintendent, is keeping it there.

There has been a Baptist Training Union with the organization of all departments since the spring of 1937. Harold Gibson, the present director, says that his goal is to reach the Standard of Excellence by the fall of 1943.

During these years, under the direction of Robert Malone, who has been directing the music since spring of 1938, East Side church has developed congregational singing equal to that of any church of its size anywhere in the south.

The Woman's Missionary Union of East End Baptist Church received the A-1 award at the State meeting last June. At that time there were only eight Baptist Women's Missionary Unions that were A-1 on all points in Mississippi.

Through these years many old bills have been paid, proper repairs have been made on the church building and equipment purchased. Rotting sills and underpinnings have been replaced, a new roof put on, all repairs kept up,



REV. W. L. MARSH

a new gas heating system has been installed and numerous other pieces of equipment purchased and paid for.

The vision, leadership and sacrificial spirit of Pastor Marsh and the people of East End, for the whole five years of his pastorate there, merits highest commendation.

A drive was begun last spring to redecorate the auditorium. By the time the beautiful auditorium was done, at a cost of \$1,500, the cash was in hand to pay for it. Immediately then, suggestion was made and a drive begun to pay off the entire debt of the church, which was then about \$2,000. December 7th was the date set to pay it off. By the fine spirit of cooperation of all and the great sacrifice of many, that goal was reached and the mortgage was lifted on the date set. But that is not all. Reports show that East End Baptist church has given more to missions and benevolences this year than ever before. (Over \$1,000.) And by close management, has recently purchased a \$1,000 war bond, sent forty-five renewals and subscriptions to The Baptist Record on the 50 per cent plan; sent forty renewals and subscriptions to the Commission—all personally taken by the pastor.

The pastor, W. L. Marsh, says they are looking to the Lord for great things this year. Brother Marsh is an evangelistic-spirited man. His people say that he is a good preacher.

Brother Marsh says that the secret of these accomplishments is tithes and offerings, and sacrificial living and sacrificial giving. —Reporter.

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Possessing Our Gifts

In Genesis 12:7 God said to Abraham, "Unto thy seed will I give this land."

God gave it to them but they had to possess it. God gave them the opportunity and privilege of possessing it, but they had to pay the price of possession. This price was great. Its cost included the leaving of home, going to a strange land among foreign people to spend 400 years, mostly in bondage and slavery and driven by the cruel hands of merciless and overbearing taskmasters. Its cost included the anxious months of the plagues, the leaving of Egypt and the weary journey through the desert, with the criticisms and discouragements from many who wanted to go back to the flesh pots of Egypt. Its cost included wars with the enemies, the death of the great leader, Moses, and the battles with the enemies within the land itself.

Yes, God gave them the land but they had to possess it. We, too, have our Canaan to possess.

Our Canaan is a new kingdom of possibilities, a fair land of promise flowing for us all with the milk and honey of opportunity. And as Caleb and Joshua said in the long ago, "The Lord will bring us into this land and give it to us," so, ringing down the ages ever since, their cry has come to hearten men and women for overcoming obstacles and for meeting tasks that call for courage, daring, and boldness of faith.

In possessing the land, we have seen Southern Baptists grow since 1847 from 223,000 to more than 5,000,000; the churches from 4,126 to 25,603; gifts to missions from \$27,635 to \$8,000,000; the number of Sunday schools from 468 to 24,629; Sunday school enrollment from 28,000 to 3,553,467; Training Unions from none to 55,000 with an enrollment of about one million.

As we stand and face out toward the New Year that we have now come to through the goodness of God, we are amazed at the gigantic tasks that yet await us. So many people lost; so many people, even church members, out of Sunday school; so many people not yet reached for all that the church of the Lord Jesus stands for. But, big as is the task, God is greater. New classes can be started; new schools can be organized; new people can be reached; lost people can be won; better work can be done; more study can be secured; more training can be done; more libraries can be organized; more workers can be enlisted and trained.

Easy? No, not easy, but possible. Just as the Israelites had their difficulties before possessing the land that God had given to them, so we will also have our obstacles to meet. But even as God was with them, so will He be with us if we will permit Him. No, many of our best works are not easy, but ease never develops our best qualities. Benefits that cost nothing bring no blessing. Overcoming obstacles will be the measure of our faith. It is with Sunday schools as with men: difficulties are things that prove what we are. Where sacrifice

begins blessing begins. The hardships may be God's blessings for making useful our lives.

Therefore, as we face the New Year, let us do it in confidence and in hope in our God, knowing assuredly that He will supply us with all that is necessary for the accomplishing of all the tasks that come to us, if we will only put ourselves in the position and attitude where He can bless us as He wants to do.

At this time when the world is engulfed in the greatest war of all the centuries; when more people are out of Christ than ever before; when sin and shame run rampant in many places; when life is cheap and Christ is unknown and forgotten by millions, may we as lowly followers of the Christ of Calvary's Cross give ourselves to His work during this New Year in more complete abandon than ever before. He gave His all for us; may we give our best for Him.

Training Does Pay

In a recent training school this note was handed in with the paper: "I can truthfully say that I've never had a study course to do me as much good as this one has. I was awfully green in the work, and now I have definite knowledge to help me in the duties of the officers, plans for visitation, and classroom procedure. I have also learned not to use the lecture method, which I have been guilty of. Thank you for such a practical and worthwhile course."

In this same school a man 66 years old took his first study course. He is a retired railroad conductor, and is doing a marvelous work with young people. May his tribe increase!

Yes, sir, it does pay to train the people. Whatever we expect in the school, must first be given to the people who direct it. Every church should train every year for all the work it does.

Standard Parade

INTERMEDIATE WORKERS! Have you read the new class and department standards? Will you join the "Standard Parade"? How? (1) Vote to adopt the stand of excellence as a program of work for your department and classes. Drop us a card and give the name of your church, Intermediate superintendent, teachers and class names. If you do not have a departmentized school, just send the name of your church, teacher, and class name. These will be published in The Baptist Record.

—BR—

It is only in one or two exceptional points," says Julius Streicher, one of the Fuehrer's ardent companions, "that Christ and Hitler stand comparison, for Hitler is far too big to be compared with one so petty."

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REV. A. B. PIERCE RESIGNS AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS TO ACCEPT PASTORATE AT NEW ALBANY

It was with many expressions of regret that the congregation of the Baptist Church accepted the resignation of Rev. A. B. Pierce, who has been pastor at Crystal Springs for the past five years. Rev. Pierce goes to New Albany. Rev. and Mrs. Pierce and their three interesting children will be greatly missed by the entire community, for they have endeared themselves to members of all churches by their exemplary lives and interest in all social and civil movements of the town. Their going is a distinct loss to the entire church going element of the city, for the churches have profited by his uplifting sermons.

In giving an account of the accomplishments of the past five years the following is taken from the church bulletin distributed by the church on Sunday, October 25, 1942, which was written by the pastor and reads as follows: "On October 15, 1937 I began my work as pastor of this church. For five years we have labored together in the Lord. To me these have been precious years, for with your cooperation we have had the pleasure of seeing many things accomplished. We have moved forward from year to year. These statistics will help you to recall some of the visible results. In the five years a total of 644 persons have united with the church. 310 of these came by baptism. This brings our present membership to 1,063. We have received \$52,212.57 in cash offerings, and \$12,417.99 was given to missions. Attendance at all services has grown, and all organizations are functioning well. We have paid off an old church debt, built a new brick parsonage, and purchased a Hammond Electric Organ, besides many other small improvements to the church property, and with all this, we have no debt.

"Another forward movement by the church was the calling of a full time educational director. Mr. W. C. Morgan has been with us some three months now, and we appreciate him and the work he is doing.

"From the depths of my heart I wish to express my appreciation for your prayers and cooperation, for you have made all of these things possible. Let us look to the future with faith and hope and perseverance and the Lord will lead us on to even greater things in the future."

Rev. Pierce is a native of Copiah county. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He succeeds Dr. J. P. Kirkland, for seventeen years pastor of the church at New Albany.—Reporter.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. W. Provine, after a visit to Camp Beauregard, writes commending the spirit of the soldiers in the camp. He urges that letters be sent often, and added, "They crave the love and sympathy of the folks back home. Don't neglect them." He mentioned that more boys apparently were going to the tent of Chaplain Zeno Wall than to all the 'Y' tents put together.

Revival services at Crystal Springs were reported by Ella Lee McLean. The opening day of the revival saw the new building dedicated.

At Washington the House of Representatives has voted favorably on the amendment for national prohibition, with 25 more votes than was necessary to pass it. The Senate had already passed a similar bill.

Rev. C. C. Kiser had his household goods on the car ready to ship to Georgia, but the people persuaded him to remain at Aberdeen.

Rev. A. F. Youngberg has been called to Rolling Fork and an adjacent mission field.

The Sunday School Board announces that in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, they have just printed a new edition of the Traveling Church Letter. This is recommended for use with young men who go to the various camps. It is supplied free.

Fine reports of the church at Hardy which included a shower for the pastor, were mentioned.

LLOYD L. MOORE LICENSED TO PREACH

Recently Brother Lloyd L. Moore was licensed to preach by the church at Terry.

Brother Moore is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Moore of Walnut Grove, and a brother of Rev. J. L. Moore of Dossville.

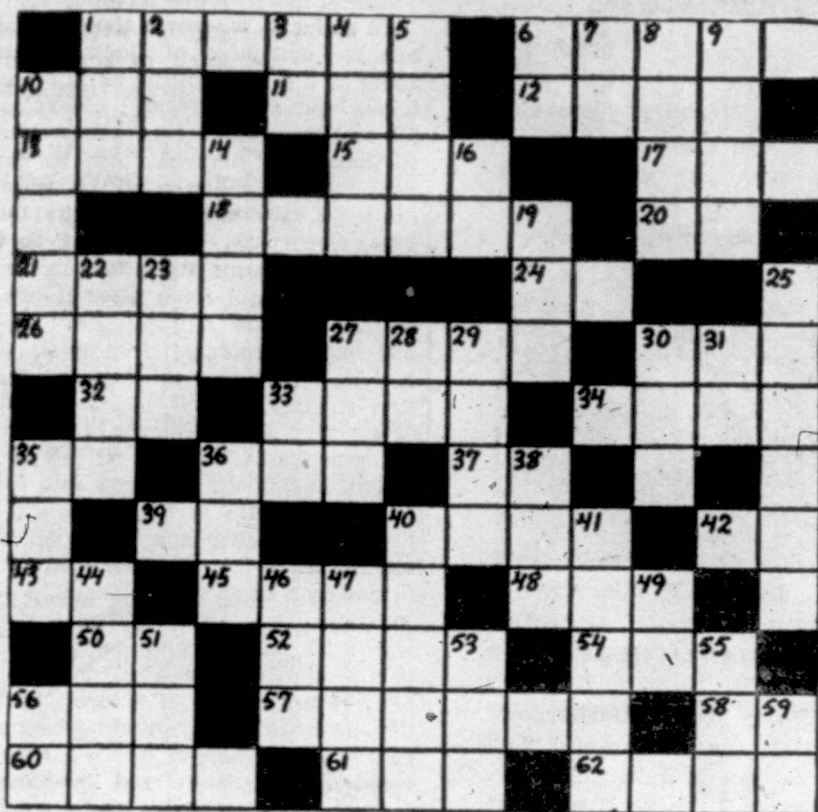
Feeling the need of further preparation, Brother Moore, with his family, has moved to Newton and he is now a student at Clarke Memorial College.

May the joy and peace of the true Christian Christmas be yours, and may hope and fortitude and well-being walk with you during the coming year.

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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children."—Matt. 11:19.

THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

HORIZONTAL

- 1 "I . . ." John 19:28.
- 6 Convent.
- 10 " . . . thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" Matt. 3:15.
- 11 "and . . . Son of man is betrayed into . . . the hands of sinners" Matt. 26:45.
- 12 "For ye have the . . . with you always" Mark 14:7.
- 13 "a feast of wines on the . . ." Isa. 25:6.
- 15 Emperor.
- 17 "he prophesied that Jesus should . . . for that nation" John 11:51.
- 18 "for ye have the poor . . . with you" Matt. 26:11.
- 20 "Have . . . here any meat" Luke 24:41.
- 21 "My . . . is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death" Matt. 26:38.
- 24 Company.
- 26 "Ye are they which . . . continued with me in my temptations" Luke 22:28.
- 27 "tarry ye here, and watch . . . me" Matt. 26:38.
- 30 "Verily I say unto . . ." Mark 14:9.
- 32 Egyptian Sun god.
- 33 An ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:27.
- 34 "Sleep on now, and take . . . rest" Matt. 26:45.
- 35 Writer to the Signet.
- 36 " . . . the Son of man hath noth where to lay his head" Luke 9:58.
- 37 "Give . . . to drink" John 4:7.
- 39 Father.
- 40 "the whole city came out to . . . Jesus" Matt. 8:34.
- 42 Mother.
- 43 "Children, have . . . any meat" John 21:5.

- 45 "Foxes . . . holes, and birds of the air . . . nests" Luke 9:58.
 - 48 "Nevertheless . . . as I will, but as thou wilt" Matt. 26:39.
 - 50 Recording Secretary.
 - 52 "having faithful children not accused of . . . or unruly" Titus 1:6.
 - 54 Bronze.
 - 56 "could ye not watch with me . . . hour" Matt. 26:40.
 - 57 "And I knew that thou hearest me . . ." John 11:42.
 - 58 "She hath wrought a good 'work . . . me" Mark 14:6.
 - 60 "Behold my hands and my . . . that it is I myself," Luke 24:39.
 - 61 Superlative ending of adjectives.
 - 62 "and the lamps, and the . . . s of gold" I Kings 7:49.
- Our text is 10, 11, 12, 18, 20, 26, 27, 30, 36, 37, 43, 45, 48 and 57 combined.

VERTICAL

- 1 "and upon the great . . . of their right foot" Ex. 29:20.
- 2 Holy Roman Empire.
- 3 Right.
- 4 "and he will . . . you things to come" John 16:13.
- 5 A son of Ishmael Gen. 25:15.
- 6 Apostle.
- 7 Buyer's option.
- 8 "she is come aforehand to anoint my . . . to the burying" Mark 14:8.
- 9 One of the Great Lakes.
- 10 "for a spirit hath not . . . and bones as ye see me have" Luke 24:39.
- 14 "and the price of his . . . shall be according unto the number of years" Lev. 25:50.
- 16 Combining form referring to pus.
- 19 Schooner.
- 22 "wherein shall go no galley with . . ." Isa. 33:21.
- 23 In botany a term applied to certain indehiscent fruits.
- 25 "she did it for my . . ." Matt. 26:12.
- 27 "and let it be . . . with the dew of heaven" Dan. 4:15.
- 28 A Benjamite I Chron. 7:12.
- 29 "which for a while believe, and in . . . of temptation fall away" Luke 8:13.
- 30 Yonder (poet.).
- 31 Almost out..
- 33 Greek letter.
- 35 "My God, my God, . . . hast thou forsaken me" Matt. 27:46.
- 36 Exclamation of disgust.
- 38 Even (cont.).
- 40 Cat's call (pl.).

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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Called and Accepted

- E. H. Egge, First, Rosenberg, Texas.
L. N. Epley, East Gaffney, S. C.
Roy Fincher, Cedar Grove, St. Clair Co., Ala.
Howard Ford, First, Wilkesboro, N. C.
Noah Fox, Old Union, near Winfield, La.
Charles A. Francis, chaplain, U. S. army.
A. J. Garner, Plainsville, Ga.
J. O. Gash, Fayette, Miss.
L. F. Gassaway, Waynesboro, Tenn.
Thurman George, First, Erick, Okla.
Jerry Glisson, Bethlehem, Gibson county, Tenn.
C. M. Goforth, Southwest, LaGrange, Ga.
R. M. Graham, chaplain, U. S. army.
C. O. Greene, Cary, N. C.

Resigned

- W. T. Johnson, Napoleon, Pearl River Association, Miss.
W. P. Jones, First, Irving, Texas.
J. W. Joyner, Goodway, Ala.
E. K. Judy, Trinity, Paducah, Ky.
P. H. Kelley, Hunt Memorial, Newberry, S. C.
Troy Kelly, First, Lake Arthur, La.
H. E. Kirkpatrick, First, Minden, La.
Garth Koch, First, Oneonta, N. Y.
W. W. Kyzar, Jr., Phillip, Miss.
C. C. Lackey, Pineywoods, Rt. 7, Birmingham, Ala.
J. N. Lackey, Central, Hartford, Conn.
T. W. Lamkin, South Jefferson, Valley Station, Ky.

Died

- Robert Wesley Gentry, Madisonville, Ky.
Carl McCormick, Crocker, Mo.
C. M. McNeily, Broken Bow, Okla.
M. E. Ramay, Edmond, Okla.
C. A. Warren, Alachua, Fla.
J. L. Walker, Waco, Texas.

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The captain was examining youths for promotion. Stepping up to one bright young man he asked, "What must an officer be before he can have a full naval burial?"

Young Man—"Dead, sir."

- 41 Browned bread.
- 44 Sea eagle.
- 46 Constellation.
- 47 "Who shall change our . . . body" Phil. 3:21.
- 49 Tellurium.
- 51 "handle me, and . . ." Luke 24:39.
- 53 Make lace.
- 55 "Woman, behold thy . . ." John 19:26.
- 56 "this also that she hath done shall be spoken . . . for a memorial . . . her" Mark 14:9.
- 59 No good.

FREE FOR ASTHMA DURING WINTER

If you suffer with those terrible attacks of Asthma when it is cold and damp; if raw, wintry winds make your choke as if each gasp for breath was the very last; if restful sleep is impossible because of the struggle to breathe; if you feel the disease is slowly wearing your life away, don't fail to send at once to the Frontier Asthma Co. for a free trial of a remarkable method. No matter where you live or whether you have any faith in any remedy under the Sun, send for this free trial. If you have suffered for a lifetime and tried everything you could learn of without relief; even if you are utterly discouraged, do not abandon hope but send today for this free trial. It will cost you nothing. Address Frontier Asthma Co., 112-K Frontier Bldg. 462 Niagara St. Buffalo, New York

PASTOR SUGGESTS GOOD BOOK

With the approaching state-wide soul winning campaign, a pastor welcomes a good book on evangelism. He wants one from the hand and heart of an experienced worker in this field. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, former superintendent of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and now pastor of First Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., has given us what we need in his new book "The Romance of Evangelism."

The type of evangelism discussed is that which builds a church and inspires men to win the lost.

The first part of the book challenges the Christian pastor and workers by clearly stating the need of scriptural, personal, and prayerful evangelism. The last chapters offer some very helpful suggestions concerning the technique of soul winning. Preparation and procedure are discussed helpfully.

"The Romance of Evangelism" is a fine book especially for Mississippi Baptists to read in preparation for what we pray may be the greatest soul winning crusade ever undertaken in our state.—Claud Bowen.

BR

China will celebrate its sixth wartime Christmas with full church attendance by the country's three and a half million Christians. There will be greater earnestness and religious emphasis than in pre-war years. It will be an economical Christmas, too; for the giving of gifts and sending of cards will be restricted by high prices. Missionaries agree that there has been a marked upswing since the war in the number of Chinese who have become Christians. Many Chinese converts because of the selfless labors of American and other missionary and relief workers. There is a Bible famine and at least \$5 apiece is paid for copies of the Book that do go on sale. The trend toward Christianity is exemplified by the proportion of Christians enlisting in the army. Two-thirds of the four hundred cadets in an officers' training school are Christian. Also many wounded soldiers, touched by the comfort and succor they received from Christian workers who predominate in war hospitals, have turned to the religion of the western world.—Clarion-Ledger.

BR

Soap boxer: "You boys made so much noise during my lecture I couldn't hear myself speak."

Boy: "It's all right; you didn't miss much."

To Relieve Bad Cough, Mix This Recipe, at Home

Big Saving. No Cooking. So Easy.

You'll be surprised how quickly and easily you can relieve coughs due to colds, when you try this splendid recipe. It gives you about four times as much cough medicine for your money, and you'll find it truly wonderful, for real relief.

Make a syrup by stirring 2 cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water a few moments, until dissolved. No cooking needed—it's no trouble at all. Then put 2½ ounces of Pinex (obtained from any druggist) into a pint bottle. Add your syrup and you have a full pint of medicine that will amaze you by its quick action. It never spoils, lasts a family a long time, and tastes fine—children love it.

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Happy New Year

You say, "I see no difference in one day and another!" or one year and another, they are the same. Yes, and they will be unless you make them different. 1943 holds your desire—happiness—if you let Christ live in your heart, and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. That will make a difference in a life. We wish for each of our readers a new year that will be freighted with blessings from the Father, richly bestowed upon all who will receive them.

Turn over a new leaf—write your earnest prayer upon it, seek to fit into God's plan for your life. If you do you will be a busy, as well as happy, Christian.

On the Back of Your Envelope

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another." "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Foreign missions was inaugurated over nineteen hundred years ago with the coming of God's only Son as a missionary to a lost world. The motive back of the movement was love, the methods conspicuous in it have been mercy and grace and sacrifice, the objectives have always been the good of man and the glory of God. Those of us who support missions today are following in a noble train."

Neshoba Association Has Wedding

"Mr. and Mrs. Baptist Denomination give in marriage their daughter, Miss Baptist Training Union, to Mr. Baptist Church on Monday, the fourteenth of December, nineteen hundred and forty-two, Philadelphia, Miss."

The above graced the front page of the wedding announcement which proved to be a most interesting affair. Brother F. G. Wilborn, associational director of Neshoba county, gives a very enthusiastic report of this wedding, and says it was a grand occasion. He is willing to pass on to other associational directors the plans. If you are interested, write him direct, or write to us and we will pass the word on to him. Everything that is usually had at a church wedding was planned. Rev. W. L. Compere, of Meridian, was the guest speaker. A beautiful cake provided an interesting part of the program. As each piece was cut by the bride, Miss Auline Hiett, some fact about the Cooperative Program was given. Twelve churches were represented by 236 individuals. Not less than fifty individuals had a part in the program, and it was declared to be a fitting climax of a fruitful year's work by the Training Union, and a good start on a better year's work in 1943.

Sunflower Holds Two Group Meetings
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sociational Training Union held two group meetings, one at Bethel in the northern part of the Association with Rev. B. D. Hardin serving as the principal speaker, and one at Fairview in the southern part of the county with Rev. N. G. Hickman serving as principal speaker. Stewardship was the theme of these meetings. Miss Etoile Hodges, associational secretary, says, "We feel that our meetings were very successful. . . . We felt that the presence of God was with us in these meetings."



MR. HENRY ROGERS
Southwide Intermediate Leader
Nashville, Tenn.

We are happy to welcome Mr. Henry C. Rogers, who for several years has been State Training Union Director in Tennessee, to the work of Southwide Intermediate leader. Mr. Rogers succeeds Miss Elaine Coleman, who for some years served so efficiently in that capacity. Mr. Rogers is well fitted for this place in our denominational work, and we rejoice that the entire south, including ourselves will have the privilege of enjoying the leadership of Mr. Rogers.

Walthall Drives Toward 100%

Associational Director H. A. Scott reports a newly organized union at Centerville church as the result of a demonstration program carried to them by the Intermediate Union of Tylertown. Three unit organizations were started, the Story Hour, Junior and Intermediate Unions. This means that only one church remains unorganized, and Brother Scott says that they shall continue their efforts until they are able to report 100%. Mr. Scott

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DR. C. LEE BULLARD
GLOSTER PASTOR ACCEPTS
LOUISIANA CHURCH

Mississippi is losing another one of its good pastors as Hammond, Louisiana, has succeeded in enticing Dr. C. Lee Bullard to become their pastor. He has been pastor of the Galilee church since May 1, 1940. During this time there have been more than 100 additions to the church. A new heating plant has been installed and paid for. The church is completely debt free with a substantial balance in the bank. The membership has loyally supported the Now Club, being ahead on their quota. The mission offerings have kept pace with progress along other lines.

Dr. Bullard did not have to lead this good church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan because it was already in operation, having been installed under the pastorate of the late Dr. E. K. Cox.

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Emperor Hirohito of Japan said in a recent speech: "We have annihilated the enemy everywhere but the war now has entered a crucial phase," he declared. "The Japanese people should therefore in complete unity strengthen still further the country's forces." (Editor's Note: Why strengthen the country's forces if the enemy is annihilated everywhere?).

has served as director of this association for some years, and demonstrates the wisdom of keeping an efficient officer in office. Our best associations are those where the director has served over a period of years, thus able to build gradually and surely.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. M. B. BRIDGES

All about us wherever the eye rests we can see evidences of God's handiwork. Some of it is so beautiful as to be breathtaking and awe-inspiring; others so useful and so complete in every detail as to make one marvel. But by far the most beautiful thing in all the world, and the most far reaching in its influence is a life well spent. A life that begins with a tiny baby, pure and sweet like a rosebud, tender and fresh after it has been washed by the morning dew; like the bud which unfolds petal by petal, sending out its perfume and beauty, the life develops day by day, shedding the aroma of its love and influence about it. As the rose finally emerges, as the complete bloom, so will the life grow into the rose of perfect character. It lingers a while in all the beauty and perfection of the full blown rose, filling the space around it, however small and secluded, with joy, fragrance and beauty. Then it turns toward the setting sun, calmly folds its petals and falls asleep, to await the resurrecting forces of nature. Such was the life of one who for almost eighty-six years walked among us as a loving devoted mother, a kind and loyal friend, a faithful consecrated Christian. One whom we lovingly called "Mother Bridges," whom God saw fit but recently to remove from this earthly realm and transplant to a clime more fair.

Her life was a benediction to all who came in contact with her gentle smile; her patient, cheerful manner and her lovable disposition. We miss the joy of her presence and the warmth of her handclasp. But we bow in humble submission to God's will, knowing that truly she has fallen asleep in Jesus, and the beautiful life she lived and the loving service she rendered are, like the rose, shedding their eternal fragrance upon all who came under her gentle influence; and just as you may shatter, you make break the vase if you will; but the perfume of the rose will linger around it still.

So will the memory of Mother Bridges linger always in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Ten

1. (Paul's secretary): His name was Tertius. See Romans 16:22.
2. (Four Marys): (1) Mary, the mother of Jesus; (2) Mary, the mother of Mark; (3) Mary, the Magdalene; and (4) Mary, the wife of Cleophas.
3. ("The sea of Tiberias"): No. Both names refer to "the Sea of Galilee." See John 6:1.
4. ("Elders" of Israelite days): They were the judges and chief-authorities of the community, and constituted a senate of the people in the times of Moses, their duties as a senate body continuing through all the difficult times of the history of the Hebrews.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Crystal Springs, Miss.,
December 22, 1942

RESOLUTIONS

From the Board of Deacons of the Crystal Springs, Mississippi, Baptist Church to the Board of Deacons of the New Albany, Mississippi, Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, Reverend A. B. Pierce has rendered five years of valuable and constructive service as pastor of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he has been called and feels constrained of the Holy Spirit to serve as pastor of the New Albany Baptist Church, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

First, That, although we are indeed sorry to lose Brother Pierce, yet we wish to comply with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and, hence, release him with our good will and pledge him our earnest prayers and best wishes in his new field of service.

Second, That we wish to acknowledge and commend his splendid leadership in increasing and maintaining a high degree of Christian fellowship, harmony and cooperation within our church life.

Third, That his Christian leadership and influence has been felt throughout this association, and particularly among people of other denominations within our city.

Fourth, That he has been instrumental in bringing about a large increase in church membership, preaching attendance, and spiritual growth.

Fifth, That under his guidance new departments have been organized in the church and all departments have grown and prospered and cooperated well in promoting the entire church program.

Sixth, That a constructive program of leadership training has been fostered under his guidance which has resulted in a larger and more efficient corps of trained workers in the church program.

Seventh, That the church program has grown in such proportions as to make desirable and necessary the employment of an Educational Director.

Eighth, That under a strong but not oppressive program of Christian Stewardship, our church under the leadership of Brother Pierce has been brought to the forefront in the support of the denominational cooperative program and other worthy causes.

Ninth, That the church properties in general have been much improved and a new pastorium constructed during his ministry.

Tenth, That our church during his tenure has been cleared of all indebtedness, the budget substantially increased, all bills paid on time, and a sizeable surplus accumulated.

Eleventh, That Brother Pierce is to be commended for his forceful cam-

VAIDEN UNVEILS HONOR ROLL

The Vaiden Baptist Church climaxed its year's work recently by giving a special service honoring the boys who have gone from this church into the armed forces. An honor roll was presented to the church by Frank Prewitt, superintendent of the Vaiden high school, and accepted by the pastor, Rev. Madison Flowers. On this roll are the names of twenty boys and notable among them was one Richmond Brook, youngest son of the late T. A. Brook, who for years was a deacon in this church. Also Albert Stanton, youngest son of another deacon, B. F. Stanton. Most of the boys are natives of this town and members of this church.

The Vaiden Baptist Church feels justly proud of the record it has made. The building stands on a high hill and is one of the oldest buildings and the first church built there.

This church has been served at different times by some of the ablest men of the state. For more than fifty years the late A. A. McPherson was superintendent of the Sunday school which often dwindled to only a very few attendants. In the face of most discouraging conditions he never lost faith and courage and he lived to see his prayers and faith justified and the Sunday school grow until now it is a well attended school. When the J. M. Wright family moved here from the country, they added greatly to the church in point of attendance and work. For years the McPherson and Wright families were practically the main stay of the church. For some years the Dr. J. O. Ringold family, who later moved to Winona, and the Frank Beck family, who later moved to Clinton, were faithful members.

Outstanding is the life of the late A. A. McPherson, who served so faithfully for many years as superintendent of the Sunday school, as deacon and keeper of the church. Another who was veritably a mother in Israel was the late Mrs. J. M. Wright. Their pews are still empty and their presence in the church is still missed by all who knew them. The remaining McPherson family, few in number, are scattered. One daughter is a member of the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Mother Wright is still represented by some members of her family. A son and son-in-law are deacons in the church. One daughter, Miss Annie D. Wright, is a teacher in Tupelo and valued member of the Second Baptist Church. When at home during the vacation period she is an untiring worker and teacher in the Sunday school.

Another, the youngest of the large family of eleven children, Miss Lovie Wright, while not a deacon should be a deaconess. Untiring in her efforts, faithful in the discharge of every duty, a loyal supporter of every Christian activity and a most co-operative assistant to the pastor; Vaiden wouldn't be normal without

paign against vice and sin at all times, and his strong convictions and courage to stand for those convictions under any and all circumstances.

Twelfth, That the success of Brother Pierce in his work here has been greatly augmented by the constant and able assistance of his good wife who has taken a very active part in church work.

Thirteenth, That we wish for the New Albany Baptist Church a period of great spiritual and material growth under the leadership of Brother Pierce.

Fourteenth, That we wish for Brother Pierce and his family much happiness and success in their new field of work.

Respectfully submitted,

**BOARD OF DEACONS OF
CRYSTAL SPRINGS BAPTIST
CHURCH.**

Resolutions Committee,
W. L. GREEN, Chairman,
J. B. ROBINSON,
S. M. CRAIN.

OLDHAM PASTOR SAYS MINUTES INCORRECT

We of the Oldham church regret the errors made in our Tishomingo County Association minutes, in printing the statistical report of our church. We know that the church is pictured by these reports. The minutes show Oldham church—R. E. Woodfin, pastor—Baptisms, 0; added by letter, 6; no B. T. U.; no value on church house, nothing paid visiting preachers; \$4.00 on minutes, no grand total at all.

This report was all on the clerk's letter in due form, as follows: Baptisms 23, by letter 19, total 42. Membership of B. T. U. 70, value of church property \$1000.00, \$5.00 minute money; and the grand total at the end of the report.

We do not know whose error this is, but by this correction we hope to get this report corrected. We of the Oldham church had (in Sept. 1942), one of the most spiritual revivals I have ever been in. There were others converted who joined other churches, besides the 23 we baptized.—R. E. Woodfin.

Miss Lovie. A teacher in the Vaiden school, she responds most willingly to every demand of the church, school, and town.

At present this church is being served very ably by Rev. Madison Flowers. This is his second term as pastor here, having served it in the early years of his ministry. His son, Rev. J. B. Flowers, of the Winona church, was born here. Today this church feels proud of what has been accomplished in the material, as well as spiritual way, and at this season feels it has a lot to thankful for and to God they give all the credit. The church has been newly painted, roofed and papered, floors sanded and waxed, ceiling fans installed, choir railing and chairs bought and Venetian blinds put at the six large windows. The financial contributions have been good and the W. M. U. is a live, active force.—Reporter.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	S.S.	B.T.U.
December 13—		
West Point First	267	81
West End Mission	69	20
Enon (Panola)	56	57
Wallerville	46	24
December 20—		
Louisville First	343	116
Kreole	97	21
Pascagoula Second	108	50
Olive Branch	71	62
West Side Natchez	103	65
Wallerville	46	20
Enon (Panola)	53	75
Bethlehem (Jones)	43	34
December 27—		
Olive Branch	42	45
Griffith Jackson	100	151
State Line	49	21
Louisville	177	35

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A world emergency fund of \$700,000 for Christian ministry in wartime was included in the 1943-44 tentative budget submitted by the Council of Finance and Promotion to the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention. The fund, increased by \$100,000 over the goal of the last two years, will be used as follows: Christian ministry to service men—\$200,000; world relief—\$160,000; extra aid to ministers and missionaries—\$40,000; foreign mission emergency needs—\$100,000; schools and colleges—\$100,000; ministry to Japanese evacuees—\$20,000, and unforeseen emergencies—\$80,000.

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—Courtesy of Southern Baptist Brotherhood Quarterly.

1943 Soul Winning Crusade Plans Progress

Mississippi Baptists generally are interested in preparations being made by pastors and churches for participation in the 1943 Soul Winning Crusade. We asked our pastors to let us have in summary form a statement as to these preparations.

Pastor James L. Sullivan, Clinton, writes that his people are expecting to participate in the Crusade. They have selected the preaching help, will plan a census, will teach a course in soul winning, will start a soul winning group and make use of proper committees. In addition, he sends a telegraphic message as follows: "Plans in process of completion at Clinton Baptist Church, date set. Preacher selected. Study course planned. Committees being selected. Praying."

Dr. Chester M. Savage, Union, states that they are planning a census, will teach a course in soul winning, will start a soul winning group and will use necessary committees. He says further, "First Baptist Church, Union, wholeheartedly enters Soul Winning Crusade. Revival February 28-March 10 with Dr. Russell Bradley Jones preaching."

Rev. J. C. Wright, Terry's Creek church sends this searching message affirming participation: "A soul won to Christ is a soul saved from hell and a soul delivered from bloodguiltiness. A soul warned about waywardness means two souls saved from God's wrath."

Rev. W. M. Tabb, Harmony church, sends this good message: "Working toward completion of plans. All churches not fully committed. One new church not contacted. Pray that we may succeed."

Dr. S. H. Jones, Brookhaven, informs us that they expect to make plans in all suggested phases of preparation and says in addition, "God will bless with marvelous results as all our churches cooperate in prayer, preaching and personal witnessing in His Name."

Rev. Charles A. Jolly, Union church, Clarke county says, "We as Mississippi Baptists can take this state for Christ if we launch out on the promises of God." Suppose we claim His promises.

Pastor Harold Douglas, Mathiston, writes, "Mathiston plans are services daily 7:30 p. m. The pastor and evangelist have the privilege of carrying messages to the high school and junior college during the day." Their plans include a census, study course in soul winning and a soul winning group.

Dr. L. G. Gates, Laurel, sounds a trumpet note in these words, "The call for evangelism is clear and imperative. The hour has struck. Jesus is our only hope. Make Him known." Jones county makes large plans for the Crusade.

Pastor W. E. Stewart, Leakesville, writes that not only Leakesville church but his other churches at Leaf, Pine Level, Antioch and Fellowship all in Greene County Association are participating in the Crusade. He is also encouraging the Negroes of that section to hold meetings of their own.

Rev. W. C. Stewart, Houston, states that they are in on the Crusade and working on the pre-

paratory processes.

Dr. William Potter, McLain Baptist Church, pleads, "Mississippi Baptists must accept challenge of our 700,000 unsaved and pray down heaven sent revival that can sweep this nation."

Pastor H. W. Roberson, Brandon, sends this telegraphic message: "Mississippi Baptists are presented with the greatest opportunity that they have ever had to bring lost souls to know a Saviour that can and will save now and for eternity." They make all plans in preparation.

Pastor Norris G. Hickman, Indianola, states that they are now in the midst of their census and expect to start a soul winning group.

Dr. B. B. Hall, Woodville, writes, "Two revivals Methodist and Christian last summer. Big crowds. No unconverted. We are licked unless we can overcome this difficulty."

Pastor A. Sidney Johnston, Davis Memorial, Jackson, says they are in on the Soul Winning Crusade and taking all steps in preparation. He adds, "Someone has said the promises of God are all in the present tense. We do not have to get Him in a notion to save. If we meet His conditions He will bless. II Chronicles 7:14."

Dr. T. D. Brown, First church, Hattiesburg, writes: "Mississippi Baptists are in apostolic succession in this primary obligation of Christians to the world. May true apostolic success attend their efforts."

Pastor R. A. Morris, Newton, has already secured the services of Dr. S. A. Murphy, Memphis, as preacher help and plans go along apace in preparation for the Crusade.

We now give a series of testimonies regarding the Soul Winning Crusade as presented by several more of our fine pastors. Almost without exception they are working all the plans in preparation, as securing preacher help, census taking, study course in evangelism and organizing a soul winning group. The testimonies follow:

Pastor W. E. Greene, Ellisville—"Glad to be part of great soul winning effort. Expect to hold open air meetings and follow up enlistment."

Pastor C. M. Day, Liberty—"Pray, study, work, visit, witness, sacrifice, go bring people to services. Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God."

Pastor J. D. Griffin, Goodyear church—"We are planning, preparing, praying, pushing, and proceeding for the forthcoming Evangelistic Crusade. Let's take Mississippi for Christ!"

Pastor Earl Brooks, Rocky Creek church, George Association—"Comply with II Chronicles 7:14."

Pastor Jack J. Cranford, Calvary church, Vicksburg—"Calvary church of Warren county wishes to report we are working, praying, organizing and will be ready to go by February 28."

Pastor E. M. Bilbo, River Avenue church, Hattiesburg—"River Avenue church will make every effort and cooperate one hundred per cent in this the greatest move ever made by our State Convention. Let's pray and work."

Pastor James B. Ray, Improve—"Our plans include entire setup. Don't think it could be greatly improved upon. Plan five separate simultaneous cottage prayer groups."

Pastor R. E. Woodfin, Oldham church, Tishomingo Association—"Let's but pray for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in this great undertaking. Pray! Pray! Pray!"

Pastor A. J. Linton, Calvary church, Jones county—"Our church will take part in the soul winning crusade. We believe in it. The Lord being willing, we are in 100%."

Pastor R. H. Daniel, Ludlow—"Pray that lost souls of our area may be brought to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Pastor B. Frank Smith, Durant—"Good harvests require good harvest weather. Two months left for 'weather conditioning' Mississippi churches through prayer, Bible study, organization, cooperation."

Pastor W. P. Sandifer, Damascus church, Copiah Association—"We are planning, praying for the Evangelistic Crusade, to enlist our force, and save the lost, for the Glory of God."

Pastor W. L. Marsh, Columbus East End—"We are looking forward in faith, with plans now for the spring Evangelistic Campaign, praying that this will win many souls to our Lord's Kingdom."

Pastor M. V. McKinster, Crowder—"Will have five day services at schools with 225 children above fifth grade."

Pastor Guy A. Little, Pinola—"The Pinola church will participate in the Crusade. Church voted the first week in February. Pastor will do the preaching."

Pastor N. F. Davis, Jr., Leaf River church, Covington county—"God wants us to win lost souls to Christ and there will never be a better time than now. Win someone today."

Pastor O. B. Beverly, Paynes—"Paynes church voted unanimously to take part in the Evangelistic Crusade and plans are already complete for it."

Pastor G. S. Jenkins, Lucedale, writes that they are participating in the Evangelistic Crusade and have selected their preacher help, planning a census and teaching a study course in soul winning.

Pastor H. P. Porter, Fernwood, states that his people will teach a study course, organize a soul winning group, take a census and participate fully in the 1943 Soul Winning Crusade.

Pastor J. P. Bush, Short Creek church, Yazoo county—"We have already completed our census and are making some plans for our revival. This is a great Crusade. If we will have the faith, and pray and work, God will give the increase."

Pastor P. M. Acker, New Zion church, Copiah county—"Young people are happy, being responsible for promoting the Crusade in this church. Pastor is happy to work with them."

Pastor J. H. Street, Hazlehurst—"Hazlehurst is happy to join in this effort and to render whatever service we may in Copiah county."

Pastor A. V. Faggard, South Laurel church, writes that his people are participating fully in the Crusade, have selected their preacher help, are planning a census, will teach a study course in soul winning and will start a soul winning group.

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